

Subject Invoice information

Peggy & Edgardo,

I got an email and call from Job Serebrov this morning. I have meant to ask you two to get together on the invoice information. I know that we do not currently have a "standard", but I thought that the information that Edgardo gave out to Contractors was quite good. Perhaps Edgardo could just jot down his information in email format and send it to Tova and Job. I have Job's email if that would be helpful.

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/29/2005 11:37 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject intern and law clerk

Do you know yet if we will be able to speak to them today or tomorrow? Thanks. Tova

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Karen
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV
11/09/2005 12:57 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc

Subject Fw: Call from Paul Vinovich

That saga continues :-)

Karen Lynn-Dyson

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

11/09/2005 12:40 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Donetta L. Davidson/EAC/GOV, Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV, Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Subject Re: Call from Paul Vinovich

What Paul V said is NOT at all an accurate statement of what Tova said. I was there. This is very dissappointing to read. I may call Mr. V myself.

I watched and heard what was said and by whom. I will be glad to brief you tomorrow morning.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Paul DeGregorio

From: Paul DeGregorio
Sent: 11/09/2005 11:28 AM
To: Gracia Hillman; Donetta Davidson; Raymundo Martinez; Juliet Thompson; Thomas Wilkey
Cc: Karen Lynn-Dyson
Subject: Call from Paul Vinovich

I took a telephone call this morning from Paul Vinovich. He had attempted to reach Gracia, but since she was not here, he asked Sheila if I was in the office so he spoke to me.

Paul was very upset with comments that Tova Wang had made at yesterday's AEI's meeting in which she basically indicated that voter fraud did not exist in the USA. He asked how a person who believes that voter fraud does not exist--or not seem at least willing to listen to both sides--can be hired by the EAC to do a study on voter fraud/voter intimidation. I explained to Paul (as I have now had to explain to many others) that Tova was "balanced" on the study with Job Severbrov. He did not know Job but was well-aware of Tova's positions and was concerned that her public comments indicate that she will not be fair in looking at this issue. I explained to Paul that we were monitoring the work of our consultants on this study and no report would be issued publicly without the support of at least three commissioners. I sent him some background information on Job. I think this study will need close monitoring.

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"Job Serebrov"

10/03/2005 01:20 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Meetings

Peggy:

I just received an e-mail from Tova. She is also ok with the 28th which is better for me.

I am interested in your answer to her question about work product.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am available for a 3-way teleconference after Noon
> on Wednesday this
> week. My schedule on Thursday and Friday is
> flexible, as well. When
> would be best for you two? I can call the telephone
> numbers you prefer
> and set up the conference call from my desk.
>
> Both the 24th or the 28th are fine with me for the
> face-to-face meeting.
> Which do you prefer? If you have no preference, I
> suggest we pick the
> earlier of the two.
>
> Regarding your contracts, I understand that the
> contract will carry the
> date of 9/25/05. All contracts have to be signed by
> the Chair, who has
> been out of the office on Commission business. I
> have been told that she
> will sign off on your contracts, among others,
> today. Our financial
> officer will send it to you after that. I'll try to
> obtain copies and fax
> the appropriate one to you as soon as they have been
> signed.
>
> Regarding your pay, the contract will state that you
> should submit a
> monthly invoice to EAC for payment of your fee for
> that month. The
> contract is for 6 months, so our Finance Officer,

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> Diana Scott, wants you
> to submit an invoice to her each month for 1/6th of
> the total payment,
> beginning 10/25/05.
>
> I look forward to talking again with the two of you.
>
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>
> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
> 10/03/2005 10:08 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> Peggy:
>
> Just spoke with Tova. We would like to have a three
> way telephone conference with you this week if
> possible. The best dates for our face to face are
> Oct
> 24th or 28th. Please let me know what works for you.
>
>
> Talk with you when you get answers to my questions.
>
> Regards,
>
> Job
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>

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
10/11/2005 02:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

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Subject Re: Address for Federal Express

You can send it to The Century Foundation, that's fine. For future reference, I have a doorman so sending stuff to my house is fine too. Thank you! Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov
To: wang@tcf.org
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 13:41:38 -0400
Subject: Address for Federal Express

Tova:

I am about to Federal Express some material to you. Should I use your Century Foundation address, or your apartment address? If you want it sent to your apartment, Is it OK for Fed Ex to leave the Fed Ex at your apartment building or should I mark it to be held for pick up at the nearest Fed Ex office?

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
10/03/2005 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

That's the right number. On the 14th I do want to be on by phone. I probably will only be able to be on for the beginning though. I may be able to rejoin again at the end. Will someone be taking notes?

Thanks for everything. Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 3:42 PM
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

I will initiate the calls to you two on Wednesday. The number I have for Tova is [REDACTED]
For Job, I have [REDACTED] Let me know if I should use a different number for you on

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Wednesday.

Thanks, Tova, for the copy of the draft workplan you provided to Karen. I'll take a look at it and, hopefully, provide some feedback on Wednesday. I have not yet caught up to all the paperwork and emails that preceded my assignment to this project. Karen just handed me a folder full of documents that should help.

I think you may have received an email from Nicole Mortellito regarding an October 14 meeting. If you two cannot come in person but can attend via phone, just let me know. Nicole's message has information regarding hotel rates that conflicts with what I've just sent you. I've asked her to double check her information because I have another contractor that has had no problem obtaining government rate at hotels.

Yes, you will be paid on a monthly basis. You can file your first invoice on October 25, according to Diana Scott.

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

10/03/2005 03:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc ggilmour@eac.gov
Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peg, This all sounds good. Will you be calling us on Wednesday?

I should not need a hotel for the 28th. Just let me know what time. Are there expense forms we should have for reimbursement?

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...

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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 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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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

11/29/2005 02:15 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject nexis search

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/22/2005 03:28 PM

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

Subject RE: Word Search Terms

I'm sorry, I don't understand

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 3:22 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
Subject: Word Search Terms

Peggy:

Attached are the word search terms.

Job

Tova:

I placed the few words that you added in the middle of my list into my existing file so some terms are out of order from the last list that you sent me.

Job

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/28/2005 05:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: September invoice

I wasn't sure what it should be since we weren't doing the 20 hours a week at that point. Should it be the

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same amount?

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

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

Sent: Monday, November 28, 2005 4:50 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: September invoice

Tova:

I received your faxed invoices, but the one for the pay period September 1-30, 2005 is missing the total dollar amount claimed. Would you please send that one again, with the dollar amount inserted? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

11/28/2005 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject September invoice

Hi Peg:

I'm faxing you the September and October invoices. I will fax you the November one on Wednesday. Thanks. Tova

The following was done in September in furtherance of a project Providing Consulting Services in the Development of a Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Project # E4019698

Invoice # 1: September 1, 2005-September 30, 2005

50 hours:

September Time Spent on EAC Project

Preparation for two teleconferences;

Two teleconferences and calls with Job;

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Calls with EAC staff

Conceptualize project;

Draft work plan;

Draft preliminary definition of fraud;

Background research into vote fraud & voter intimidation.

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2005 2:25 PM

To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Personal Services Invoices-Travel Vouchers-Other Expenses

Job and Tova:

I've been busy seeking answers from our attorneys and our Finance Officer, Diana Scott, regarding your reimbursement questions. The results follow:

Invoices/Vouchers for Personal Services

In order to meet legal requirements and provide what is needed by our Finance Officer, we have developed the attached form that you may use for your monthly invoices for consulting services on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project. This form is optional. If you prefer, you can provide the same information in a letter. Please see your contract for specifics regarding hours that can be worked and compensation.

I also confirmed with Diana Scott that under the contract recently ratified, EAC considers that your service began on September 1, 2005. Consequently, **you do not have to wait until the 25th of the month** to file your vouchers for services provided during the previous month. Each voucher should cover one month, and may be filed immediately after the end of the month.

If you fax your invoice/voucher for personal services to me, please drop the original in the mail. We can begin processing your voucher based on the fax, but would like to have the original document for our files.

Travel Authorizations and Vouchers

Apparently, we need to prepare travel authorizations for any travel that you do on behalf of this project. I know how to prepare them, but will need input from you for each trip regarding the expected costs of transportation (separate costs of airfare, train fare, ground transportation), hotel (including taxes), other expected travel expenses (e.g.; airport parking), the points between which you will travel, and the days of travel. I'll prepare the authorization based on this information and put it into the pipeline for the appropriate officials' signatures. Once it is signed, I will fax a copy to you. **It is important that we work together to prepare these authorizations well in advance of the travel dates.**

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Once the travel is concluded, we can prepare the travel vouchers to obtain reimbursement for your travel costs, in accordance with federal travel regulations. You will need to send me your receipts for the hotel, the plane or train, ground transportation (if you did not use your personal vehicle), and parking (if you parked at the airport). You will get a set amount for meals, so you do not need to provide meal receipts. I will prepare the voucher and fax it to you for your signature. If you see any problems with the voucher, this is the time to fix them. Once you are satisfied with the voucher, you will need to return the signed voucher by mail or in person. I'll attach the receipts you provided and a copy of the travel authorization, and send it forward for processing.

Other Expenses

Because your contracts do not provide for the reimbursement of other expenses, we have to look for other ways to deal with them.

For the publications, there are two options: (1) you can pay for them yourself and mark them up as you please; or (2) I can find them in our library or order them through our supply person. Anything paid for by EAC is EAC property, which would mean turning them over to EAC with no marks in them.

If you need to messenger items to accomplish the work under contract, I can authorize the use of EAC's Federal Express account number on a case-by-case basis. I'll need some advance notice and will have to supply our finance folks with the tracking number, who is sending the package, to whom, and when. That way, they won't be surprised when they see item on the FedEx invoice. (An easy way to provide all the information would be to fax a copy of the FedEx Airbill to me.)

At this time, our consultants pay their phone expenses out of their personal services compensation. When it works for you, we can bypass the need for you to incur phone charges by using EAC's teleconferencing capabilities.

Hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving !

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11/30/2005 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject monthly report

Please see attached. I will be faxing my invoice. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

11/16/2005 09:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, dscott@eac.gov

cc

Subject travel expense pre-approval request

I will be down in DC 12/1-12/2 to speak at an election reform conference. While my major expenses will be charged to this other project, while I am there I would like to meet with a couple of people who are on our list of experts to interview. Would it be possible to get reimbursed for my travel within DC? For example, I'll be staying at the Capitol Hilton and one of the interviewees is a professor out at American University. Please let me know.

Also, I would still like to know if expenses unrelated to travel should simply be added to our monthly invoices.

Thanks.

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10/25/2005 02:29 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: wg 

Tova:

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If you have to spend time and effort pulling the information together, let's wait until the contract is signed.
If you already have the information on hand, please forward it to me.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
10/24/2005 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Do you want the information on the proposed working group members you requested (their backgrounds on this issue) now or should I wait until the contract situation is clear? I understand more information on that is forthcoming imminently.

Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"
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11/03/2005 03:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject tuesday

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Hi Peg,

I will be down in DC next Tuesday for a meeting. I wonder if it would be useful for me to come by -- I think you mentioned at one point you had a big collection of articles. It would be great to be able to take a look at them. I'm available mid to late afternoon. Let me know.

Any word on the contract situation?

Thanks.

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/03/2005 06:23 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Tuesday

Tova:

I should be available during the mid to late afternoon, provided we are not besieged with election-related calls. Regardless, I can provide the file with the news clippings for your review.

--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

11/03/2005 02:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject tuesday

Hi Peg,

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Any word on the contract situation?

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11/21/2005 03:26 PM

To Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Voter Fraud/Intimidation 

Tamar:

Job notified me today that he had sent the key word search terms to Tova yesterday to review. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do so until late today or tomorrow. Consequently, he needs to wait to send them to me. I'll let you know as soon as I know. --- Peggy

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

Tamar Nedzar /EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud/Intimidation

Hi Peggy,

Just wondering if you had heard anything from Tova and Job about the terms they want me to search for on Lexis. If they don't get back to you today, just forward anything they send you to this email. I check it at least once a day and can do work from home.

Thanks,

Tamar Nedzar
Law Clerk

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> Job:
>
> I am about to Federal Express some material to you.
> Is it OK for Fed Ex
> to leave the package at your Spring Street address,
> or should I mark it to
> be held for pick up at the nearest Fed Ex office?
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11/30/2005 11:00 AM

To Devon E. Romig/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Nexis Search Terms

Devon:

In preparation for this afternoon's teleconference, you may want to review the attached list of Nexis search terms. If you have any questions, we can discuss them before the teleconference or, if I can't provide answers, we can ask our consultants who prepared the list. --- Peggy



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wang@tcf.org

10/17/2005 11:08 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject working group

Hi Peg,

I'd like to talk to you briefly about the development of the working group when you have a moment. I understand you are in a meeting right now -- is there a good time for me to give you a buzz today and/or tomorrow? Thanks so much. Tova

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

11/18/2005 03:15 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

004875

cc

Subject Contract:/invoice: Job Serebrov

Peggy,

Serebrov has submitted a few versions of his invoice via email. I will provide you with paper copies of his emails. As we have been speaking recently about this, his invoice should contain:

Date

name and address of payee

Act Number that is on the contract

Detailed description of services rendered --no 1 or 2 liners

\$ amount of invoice

If invoice amount contains any reimbursement for travel expenses, the expenses need to be itemized (and of course, pre-approved). These expenses should not be on a travel voucher *although the legal dept. stated that in the SOW. This is not so.*

Finally, we previously required vendors to submit invoices via the mail. However, in the recently revised contracts, the legal dept. omitted this and used language "should be delivered" instead. I am not entertaining any invoice via email. I have brought this to Julie's attention.

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"Job Serebrov"

11/10/2005 03:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Letters Were Signed

And they say there is no Santa Claus

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:

>

> The Chair signed your letters this afternoon. Diana

> Scott has them and

> plans to fax everything to you. Have a good

> weekend!

>

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"Job Serebrov"

11/29/2005 05:49 PM

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

Subject Re: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Only between 3:30 and 5:30

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:
>
> Are you two available for a teleconference with our
> Law Clerk and Intern
> tomorrow at either of the times listed below?
>
> Between 12 and 1 PM EST; or
> Any time between 3:30 and 5:30 PM EST
>
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 05:08 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] Tova Andrea
Wang
cc

Subject Re: In-Person Meeting

Job and Tova:

If you both agree, a meeting in early January in lieu of a December meeting would be fine with me. As it

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> As far as a trip to DC goes, I gave Tova two
> possible
> dates---Friday December 16 or Monday December 19.
>
> Regards,
>
> Job
>
>
>

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

11/10/2005 02:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc wang@tcf.org
Subject Contracts Update

Peggy:

Any word from finance as to the status of the
contracts?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 03:27 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
cc
Subject Re: Word Search Terms 

Thanks for the update. I'll let Tamar know. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

11/21/2005 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Word Search Terms

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Peggy:

I sent the words search terms to Tova yesterday to review. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do so until late today or tomorrow. Consequently, I need to wait to send them to you.

As far as a trip to DC goes, I gave Tova two possible dates---Friday December 16 or Monday December 19.

Regards,

Job

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 04:57 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Invoices 

Dear Job:

I checked with the finance folks regarding your question about when you should submit your next invoice. They told me that it will not help to submit the invoice early because not all of the people who need to sign off on it will be in the office.

Also, Friday evening, Diana Scott asked for more information on your invoice (perhaps based on feedback from GSA). In addition to the total hours and total dollar amount that you have provided in your second email, she needs:

- Date of Invoice
- Name and Address of Payee
- Act Number, which is listed on your contract (E4019698)
- Pay Period
- # of days on which you worked

Diana also told me on Friday that she is not sure she can accept invoices by email. Until I can confirm with our attorneys that email is OK, I suggest that you fax the amended invoice and future invoices to me at the fax number listed below, and send the original by mail.

I understand that all of this back-and-forth must be as aggravating to you as to me. I am working with folks here to develop a form that you may use for invoices that will provide all of the information that our finance folks and GSA need. (We have not located a government form that we can use for personal services contracts.) The form would be strictly optional. Alternatively, you could send a letter that provides the same information. I also have reminded people about the federal government's prompt payment requirements. Although we have to process all of our payments through our agent, GSA, we remain bound by these provisions.

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11/29/2005 04:55 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern 

We have initiated research projects on:

- Provisional Ballots and Voter ID;
- Laws and Practices Regarding Vote Counting (including pre-election testing, security, post-election audits), Recounts, and Contested Elections;
- Management Guidelines for Voting Systems;
- Technical Issues in the Implementation of the Statewide Voter Registration Database; and
- Pollworker Recruitment, Training, and Retention.

At minimum, I think we need to look at knowing and willful violations. Mistakes involving misunderstandings; unintentional errors in processing voter registration applications, absentee ballots, or provisional ballots; unintentional election coding errors on vote counting programs; unintentional errors in preparing or distributing ballots and voting equipment; unintentional errors in preparing vote tallies; and badly trained poll workers do not rise to the level of voting fraud--- though they can definitely affect the integrity of the election.

Although some Voting Rights Act provisions are used to prosecute voter intimidation, the Department of Justice's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, also has initiated action against States for failure to properly implement other provisions of the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act (including the list maintenance requirements) and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Failure of States and local jurisdictions to properly implement these provisions is not considered voting fraud, but is actionable.

We do have gaps in federal election crimes laws, however. For example, I remember when we first saw votes being auctioned on ebay and when we heard of voter registration drives destroying or failing to turn in voter registration applications they had collected, there was concern that current law did not provide leverage for federal prosecution. As it turned out, State prosecution under State election laws was more effective in those cases.

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email: psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/29/2005 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Can you give us a better idea of the other EAC research projects that you think we might overlap with if we include these activities? Job and I had strong reasons for what we did and did not include and how we wanted to frame the term fraud, so we do indeed need to discuss this -- perhaps before or after the discussion with Tamar and Devon?

Thanks. Tova

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 3:18 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

The Law Clerk's name is Tamar Nedzar. She is very sharp. Our intern's name is Devon Romig.

Tamar has the most recent lists of search terms and may have questions about them. Devon will need to know how you want the press clippings sorted by type of voting fraud. I think we need to give her a specific list. that, I hope, will not overlap. For example, do you want her to sort using the term Absentee Ballot

Fraud when that can involve voter intimidation/coercion/undue influence, vote buying, ballot tampering, and ballot box stuffing (by voting in the name of another or under a fictitious name).

We need to discuss this because I am concerned that we currently do not have a full written description of what does and does not constitute voting fraud and voter intimidation. The current written definition excludes voter registration shenanigans; yet, voter registration applications submitted with fictitious names or that falsely affirm eligibility to vote are considered election crimes that can have an impact on election results. Specifically, they are used in schemes to vote more than once or to have ineligible persons participate in voting. Also, an increasing number of States are including as an election crime the knowing and willful destruction of voter registration applications by voter registration drives and their failure to transmit such applications to the election office in a timely manner.

If we define voting fraud as any illegal act that has a clear and direct distorting impact on the election results, then administrative mistakes that violate federal or State law could be included. For federal elections, administrative mistakes definitely are not considered voting fraud. The examples provided for "de facto" fraud and "quasi" fraud also are not likely to be considered part of voting fraud and voter intimidation without evidence that there also is ballot box stuffing, vote buying, tampering with ballots or vote tallies, voter intimidation, etc. Although a number of things other than voting fraud and voter intimidation can (and do) distort election results, EAC is handling

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such issues under separate research efforts.

For your information, I have attached a speech presented by Craig Donsanto (complete with typos) that addresses the issue of defining voting fraud. Perhaps it will be of interest to you.

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"Job Serebrov"

10/19/2005 11:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group Members

Peggy:

What form do you want use to submit our invoice in for this month?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Dear Tova and Job:
>
> I have been advised by our Counsel that, since the
> contracts have not yet
> been signed, we will have to postpone our October
> 28th meeting. Tova, for
> future reference, the per diem rates for DC (the
> Greater Washington, DC
> area) can be accessed through that web site I
> provided by clicking on the
> District of Columbia link on the map.
>
> I also have to ask you to hold any further efforts
> on the Working Group
> until further notice. We are going to have to limit
> the number in the
> group to no more than six. EAC has to pay for the
> travel for these folks
> out of FY 2006 dollars. The agency currently is
> operating under a
> continuing resolution, and may not have its FY 2006
> budget until December
> 2005 , or later. When you submit the names of

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> possible Working Group
> members, I will need a summary of their work in
> studying or enforcing laws
> against voting fraud and voter intimidation. (It is
> not sufficient to
> have expressed an interest in these matters, we need
> experienced folks.)
> The working group can include nonpartisan members,
> so long as any
> partisan-leaning members are balanced (i.e.; 1 R for
> 1 D).
>
> I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may
> cause. I wish I had the
> power to change the situation, but I don't.
>
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

10/14/2005 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Hi Peggy,

Just an FYI -- Job and I have developed our own draft of a definition of fraud and intimidation and are working on compiling existing research. With respect to the working group, I have sent him the names and bios of my first choices, most of whom I have not yet spoken to. My thought was that I would have you vet them before asking them if they could do it, so I wouldn't have to turn around and say no. I have plenty of "plan B" people should some of my first choices not work out. Job has gone ahead and inquired as to people's availability before putting them on his list, which he expects to send me today.

Hope you had a great weekend.

Tova

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2005 4:33 PM

To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Contract Issues-Government Per Diem Rates

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phone from home on the Job and Tova call. I have also asked Gavin to sit in as the drugs have left me a little foggy.

Let me know if you will call me or if I need to call you.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:09 PM -----

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/18/2005 03:06 PM

To Donetta Davidson

cc Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: RESPONSE REQUESTED-Working Group for Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project

Dear Commissioner Davidson:

Attached is the earlier email requesting feedback on potential Working Group members for the voting fraud and voter intimidation research project. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/18/2005 03:03 PM -----

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/16/2005 01:12 PM

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

Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RESPONSE REQUESTED-Working Group for Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project

Dear Commissioners:

The consultants' contracts for EAC's voting fraud and voter intimidation project require Tova Wang and Job Serebrov to work in consultation with EAC staff and the Commissioners "to identify a working group of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation". The contracts do not specify the number of working group members but, as EAC has to pay for the group's travel and we want the size of the group to be manageable, I recommend that we limit the number to 6 or 8. **Please let me know if you think that this limit is too conservative** .

Attached **for your review and comment** are two lists of potential working group members for this project. One list was submitted by Job, the other by Tova. Tova and Job have provided brief summaries of each candidate's relevant experience and have placed asterisks next to the names of the individuals whom they particularly recommend. I can provide more extensive biographies of these individuals, if you need them. If EAC agrees that the recommended working group members are acceptable, an equal number may be selected from each list in order to maintain a balanced perspective.

Absent from the attached lists is the name of a representative from the U.S. Department of Justice's Election Crimes Branch. At this time, I am working through the DOJ bureaucracy to determine to what degree Craig Donsanto will be permitted to participate. If he cannot be named as a working group

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member, we may still be able to use him as a resource.

Please provide your feedback to me no later than Monday , November 28. I am available to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Peggy Sims
Research Specialist



Possible Working Group Members -Serebrov.doc Possible Working Group Members- Wang.doc
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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 02:20 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

Attached is Jeannie's edited version of the letter to DOJ. Would you please copy it to your file, accept all changes, and run it on the Chair's letterhead. Once she signs it, I will want to fax a copy to Donsanto and send the original by mail. Thanks. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/21/2005 02:20 PM -----

Jeannie Layson /EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 02:17 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

Peg,
My suggested edits are attached.



Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DRAFT jil edits.doc
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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/03/2005 06:07 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

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I think Diana Scott needs the original with the original signature. If you want to fax a copy to her, as well, fax it to her at 202-566-3127. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/03/2005 04:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

Do we need to mail you the original of the EFT form? Thanks. Tova

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

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

Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2005 3:55 PM

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

Subject: Invoices and Payments

Job and Tova;

The attorneys have advised me that each of you should amend your invoice to indicate the total hours worked (20) during the first month. You should submit a letter ASAP to Diana Scott with that clarification.

I have been told that it takes our agent, the General Services Administration (GSA), two to three weeks to process our requests for payment. I understand that using the electronic funds transfer (EFT) process will reduce the time for payment by up to five days, because it takes additional time for GSA to cut and mail a paper check.

Diana does not have a completed EFT form from either of you, which would permit the electronic transfer of the funds directly to your chosen bank account. I can find no evidence that Karen suggested you should submit the form, so I have attached a blank form below. Please complete it and return it with the invoice amendment to Diana. If you have any questions about how to fill out the EFT form, let me know. I'll do my best to help you out.

I understand that the contract matters are moving forward. I hope to have more news for you on Monday afternoon.

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
09/27/2005 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, nmortellito@eac.gov
cc
Subject

Hi Peg, Nicole and Karen,

Just FYI, I will be out of the office after today for the rest of the week (actually speaking at conferences down in DC). My cell is 917-656-7905 if you need to reach me, and I should be able to check email sporadically. Thanks

Tova

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11/04/2005 05:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject RE: Invoices and Payments 

Tova:
Yes, she has received your EFT fax. All is well. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
11/04/2005 02:44 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

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Peg:

Tova and I talked about the voter fraud project last evening and we believe that a face to face DC meeting is needed in t?e next few weeks. If you are in today, I hope to hear from you.

Regards,

Job

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"Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov"

"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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11/22/2005 05:52 PM

To "Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov"

<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov"

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

<psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Hello Peg and greetings from Mexico City.

Interesting way you put that question!! When will I NOT be available!!!

Peg -- I have a speech to deliver to the Illinois Association of Election Commissioners December 7-8. After that, my wife says she will arise in protest if I don't stay put for the next couple months!!!

So I guess anytime after December 8 will work.

I hope I can help you and the EAC on this.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Tue Nov 22 16:50:20 2005

Subject: Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This is just to let you know that I have drafted a letter for the Chair's signature, but she may want to make some changes before she signs. Once it is signed, I'll fax a copy to you and send the original by mail. For planning purposes, can you tell me when you don't expect to be available during the next 3 months (Dec-Feb)?

Peggy Sims

Phone: 202-566-3120 (direct)

email: psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov "

10/28/2005 10:25 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Contracts

Dear Julie and Peggy:

I am writing today to see if the contracts have finally been approved. Julie, you had indicated several days ago that your staff would take a few days to complete its review. Completion of the contract process affects our ability to proceed to month two scheduled work and, just as important, our getting paid by mid-November---which is financially critical at this point. Finally, I will need a copy of the contract by next week for the final stage of an interview process. The amount I am being paid for this project in effect pushes me to the upper end of the GS rating for this position.

Peggy, when do you think the final working group members will be selected? We need to know this as many of those who were not selected will default to the group of folks that we interview.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/29/2005 05:04 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Thad

Tova:

Thad's research on threat assessment is not being conducted under an EAC contract. The requirement to work through EAC only applies to contact with EAC contractors about EAC research. Thad's EAC contract is for Vote Counts/Contested Elections and Recounts. At this time, the contractor is analyzing State laws and procedures and contacting appropriate federal agencies regarding any pertinent consent agreements. Currently, there are no plans to do a survey that would be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements.

If your interest in Thad involves his non-EAC research, I would have no problem with you contacting him directly. If you think he will not respond unless I forward your request to him, I will see what I can do.

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"Tova Wang"
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11/29/2005 04:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject thad

Hi Peg,

I would like to talk to Thad Hall about the methodology of our research and about the threat assessment survey he is doing with Electionline and Caltech http://www.vote.caltech.edu/media/threat_risk.pdf. Can you please facilitate that? Thanks.

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"Job Serebroy"
[REDACTED]
11/30/2005 10:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc
Subject Re: Wednesday Teleconference

Yesterday, before I got food poisoning , I would have said yes. While I can participate in the conference, I don't know how focused I will be.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

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

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: outline of final report [icon]

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



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

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

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

004892

Peg:

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

Thanks,

Job

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc twilkey@eac.gov
Subject: RE: donsanto interview

Peg, If you review the numerous speeches and writings of Donsanto, including at the BAI training sessions, you will see that in the past he has frequently said that as a matter of law and policy the Department generally only pursued organized patterns. I can point you to particular citations if you like. He clearly said when we interviewed him that there had been a shift in resources and energy. This is in both of our notes. I don't think this should be an issue of departmental politics.

Tova

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

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Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM
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Subject: Re: donsanto interview

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Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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06/29/2006 05:31 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]@twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

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

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

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

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

-- Peggy

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CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
Subject donsanto interview

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06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

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

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July weekend.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
Subject: Various

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[REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
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Subject Re: Various

Peg:

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

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

cc dromig@eac.gov [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
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06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

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

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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

To: psims@eac.gov

Cc: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

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

Dear EAC,

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

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

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

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

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

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Subject Methodology for Cases



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06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?

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

3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)

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

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

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

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

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

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

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

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

From: <wang@tcf.org>

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

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

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

Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To: Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

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Subject: Fw: Travel Funds

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To: psims@eac.gov

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Job

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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

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07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

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



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To wang@tcf.org [REDACTED]

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



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

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

Job

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM
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Cc: twilkey@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:46 PM

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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"Job Serebrov"

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

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

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wang@tcf.org
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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

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

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

Agreed

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

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

> Tova

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> Tova Andrea Wang
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To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED]
Subject Re: Travel Funds 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov
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07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G
OV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

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

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

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

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

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

Peg

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To: Margaret Sims
Subject: Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

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

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Peg

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Sent: 07/10/2006 10:55 AM
To: Margaret Sims
Cc: Thomas Wilkey
Subject: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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before I did.

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

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

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

Peg

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

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

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

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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

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

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

Peg

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

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:38 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: methodology

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

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Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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

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

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

Agreed

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

> As you may recall, the working group expressed
> interest in the risk analysis
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> voting machines employs
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the
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> potential model. I think it might be worth
> including this as an appendix or
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me
> know what you think.
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

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

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

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

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

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

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

From: <wang@tcf.org>

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

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

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

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very

> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want

> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,

> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any

> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am

> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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

> Tova

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

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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

> Subject: Re: Various

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

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

>> Peg

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>> -----

>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

>> Subject: Various

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>> Peg:

>>

>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel
>> reimbursement?

>>

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

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

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Subject Re: FW: methodology 

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06/29/2006 12:07 PM

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

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

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

Agreed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:04 AM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report 

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

004931



<wang@tcf.org>
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

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

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

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

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

Peg:

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

Job

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



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

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

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

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

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

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

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > today. --- Peggy

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:30 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed 

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/04/2006



"Tova Wang"
 <wang@tcf.org>
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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

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

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

Tova and Job:

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

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



"Job Serebroy"
 [REDACTED]
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

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

Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

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

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Job

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: FW: methodology

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

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

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

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

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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

wang@tcf.org

07/01/2006 05:30
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: FW: methodology

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

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

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

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

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

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



"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
>
08/22/2006 02:44 PM

To "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>,
"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
cc psims@eac.gov

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

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

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

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

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

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

08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

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

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

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

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

08/22/2006 12:50 PM

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

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

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"
<Adam_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov>, psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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

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

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

Please do ask him. Thanks

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM
To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fw: DOJ Training Materials

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

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

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

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

Peggy,

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

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov
cc
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

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

Thanks! --- Peggy

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



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

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

Hi Peg,

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

Thanks,

Tony

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

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

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

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Intimidation Working Group

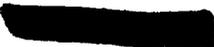
Tony:

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

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

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

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

cc

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

Good Afternoon Peg,

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Tony

00494

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

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

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004943

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Tony

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

From: Helen Jamison

To: Tony J. Sirvello III

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

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

Dear Tony,

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

Helen Jamison

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

From: Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

To: Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

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

Helen, Javier,

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

Thanks,

Tony

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

From: psims@eac.gov

00494

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

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

Tony:

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

Background

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

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

cc

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

Tony:

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

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



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

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

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

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

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

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

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

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

Subject RE: working group meeting

004940



That's fine, just asking

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

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

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

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

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

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

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

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

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

004947

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

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

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

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

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..
Peg

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

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

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

Regards,

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202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

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

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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04/09/2006 11:15 PM

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

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

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

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

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

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

Barry

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

From: psims@eac.gov

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

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

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

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

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

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Interview

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

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info [REDACTED]

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

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

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller
Executive Assistant
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

[REDACTED]
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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

Subject working group agenda

004953

Hi Peg,

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

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"Job Serebroy"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

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

Job

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

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

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

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

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04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy
cc
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

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

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

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

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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



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

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

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

00495

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Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

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

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

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"
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04/10/2006 11:04 AM

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

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

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

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

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

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

cc

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/06/2006 09:56 AM

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

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Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:

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

Hi Peg,

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

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

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

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