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Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM
To: psims@eac.gov
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org
Subject: bibliographic form

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

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Lit review in bibliographic form.doc

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wang@tcf.org
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.
----- Original Message -----
From: <psims@eac.gov>
To: <wang@tcf.org>
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM
Subject: Re: direct deposit

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> Tova:
>
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the
> form you requested. --- Peggy
>
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)
>

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Hey Peg,

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

Tova

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

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Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject John TAnner Comments

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08/10/2006 12:29 PM

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Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

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

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

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

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM —

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



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

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

Thanks.

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

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VF-VI Study Status 5-17-06.pdf

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

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

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

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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Interview Request 



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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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"Wendy Weiser"

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<wendy.weiser@nyu.edu>
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To bwhitener@eac.gov
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Sincerely,

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:03 PM

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

Has the working group met since the preliminary report was given to the Standards Bd?

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Margaret Sims
----- Original Message -----

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



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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

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



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

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

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Both of these reports are draft reports to the EAC and are currently being reviewed by staff. While we have released some of the data tables that Eagleton neither of these reports can be released.

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"
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cc
Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

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



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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

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

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

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

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

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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

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

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To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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

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Craig:

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

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

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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

I have forwarded your message to our consultants and have requested a corrected version for distribution

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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

I have only one correction:

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

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

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

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

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"
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05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

Subject: Fw: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Your Materials

Peg --

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

I have only one correction:

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

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

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



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

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

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

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

Craig;

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

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

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

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

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

Election official and challenge
Election official and intimidate
Election official and intimidation
Election official and intimidating
Election official and threatening
Election official and abusive
Poll watcher and challenge
Poll watcher and intimidate
Poll watcher and intimidating
Poll watcher and intimidation
Poll watcher and abusive
Poll watcher and threatening
Poll inspector and challenge
Poll inspector and intimidate
Poll inspector and intimidating
Poll inspector and intimidation
Poll inspector and abusive
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Poll judge and challenge
Poll judge and intimidate
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Poll judge and abusive
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Poll monitor and challenge
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Election judge and abusive
Election judge and threatening
Election monitor and challenge
Election monitor and intimidate
Election monitor and intimidating
Election monitor and intimidation
Election monitor and abusive
Election monitor and threatening
Election observer and challenge
Election observer and intimidate
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Election observer and threatening

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Sounds good. Thanks.

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

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

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

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

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

wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48

PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org

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

Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

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

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To
psims@eac.gov,
serebrov@sbcglobal.net
cc
Subject
RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act" -----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM
To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fraud Definition

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

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

Subject Re: Thursday

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

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

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

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

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

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

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

Tova:

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

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



"Craig C. Donsanto"
[REDACTED]
05/30/2006 11:02 PM

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

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

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

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

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Re: Working Group Notes

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

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Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff? Thanks. Tova

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06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/31/2006 01:30 PM

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

cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject Re: Working Group Notes 

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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wang@tcf.org
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

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

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig
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1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov
cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we
> could talk then?

>

> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached
> our Financial Officer
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement
> on the grounds that
> your actual total travel costs are less than the
> estimated total travel
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more
> expensive hotels, and
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of
> 1). I have not yet
> received a response from her and she has been out of
> the office much of
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.
> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc
> serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> Subject
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

>

> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.

> As

> I told you I will need to finish this project after
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and
> expand on mine this weekend.

>

> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled
> the
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

>

> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.
> ---
> > Peggy
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> >
> > wang@tcf.org
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM
> >
> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > [REDACTED]
> > Subject
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference
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> >
> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at
> > 3.
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>
> > To: <wang@tcf.org>
> > Cc: <ser [REDACTED]>
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference
> >
> >
> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an
> > > electronic copy. If we
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and
> > > email
> > > it to the two of you.
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a
> > > brief
> > > teleconference? I
> > > really can't do it before them because of other
> > > commitments. --- Peggy
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> > > wang@tcf.org
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> > > serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> > > Subject
> > >
> > > Re: Re:



recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

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

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

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If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

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

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson
Staff Assistant
US Election Assistance Commission
202-566-3100 (office)
202-566-3128 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts 

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

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

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

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> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we

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> could talk then?
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc
> serebrov@sbcglobal.net
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> recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.
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> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

> Job

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.

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> > Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

06/14/2006 10:46 PM

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

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

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

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

> Job

> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM
>> Subject: Re: teleconference

>>> Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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

>>>> Hi Job,

>>>> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization
>> >> and distribution of work
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>> >> Thanks.
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>> >> Tova Andrea Wang
>> >> Democracy Fellow
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"Job Serebroy"

[Redacted]
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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

cc [Redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

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recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

> Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

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

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: <wang@tcf.org>

> Cc: [REDACTED]

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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>> I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an

>> electronic copy. If we

>> only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email

>> it to the two of you.

>> How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief

>> teleconference? I

>> really can't do it before then because of other

>> commitments. --- Peggy

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>> wang@tcf.org

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>> 06/08/2006 09:42 To

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>> psims@eac.gov

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> >> Hi, Whats going on? I have not received
> responses from either one of
> > you
> >> in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next
> two weeks if we can.
> Did
> >> you get my recommendations? Thanks.
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> >> Tova
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [redacted]



"Job Serebrov"
<[redacted]>
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc [redacted]
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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Job

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> wang@tcf.org
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> psims@eac.gov
> [redacted]
> Subject
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference
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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

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Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:job.serebrov@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM
To: Tova Wang
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

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

> What about during a lunch hour?

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

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:job.serebrov@eac.gov]
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]>
> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
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> > serebrov@sbcglobal.net
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

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

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls | don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM
To: wang@tcf.org
Subject: Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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wang@tcf.org

06/15/2006 03:30 PM

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

Subject Re: teleconference

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

From: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> From: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 01:24 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: voucher 

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject voucher

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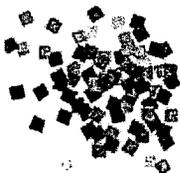
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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

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"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.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

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

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the
 > teleconference originally scheduled
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early
 > next week good for you
 > two?
 > Peggy
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 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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wang@tcf.org
 06/22/2006 10:29 AM
 To psims@eac.gov
 cc
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
 06/19/2006 12:19 PM
 To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL
 cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
 Subject Re: teleconference

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



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

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

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

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

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

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

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>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization
>> >> and distribution of work

>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it
>> >> done.

>> >> Would it be possible

>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your

>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm
>> >> your

>> >> time on Wednesday?

>> >> Thanks.

>> >>

>> >> Tova

>> >>

>> >> Tova Andrea Wang

>> >> Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: pay/travel [icon]

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

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



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

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cc
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"Simmons, Nancy"
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>
>
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To DScott@eac.gov
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcr.org>
cc
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: wang@tcf.org; psims@eac.gov
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED].net>
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"
> <wang@tcf.org>
> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM
> Subject: Re: Teleconference
>
>
> > It will need to be early next week. What news of
> the
> transcript?
> >
> >
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> >
> >>
> >> I am sorry, but I have to postpone the
> >> teleconference originally scheduled
> >> for this evening. Is another day this week or
> early
> >> next week good for you
> >> two?
> >> Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition! [E]

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

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

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

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
Subject: Teleconference

I am sorry, but I have to postpone the teleconference originally scheduled for this evening. Is another day this week or early next week good for you two? Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
[REDACTED]
06/21/2006 06:25 PM

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

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

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

> Hi Peg and Job,
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> I don't know how we might be able to use these but
> here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we
> include them? Thanks.
> Tova
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted], "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]

Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: nexis

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this
> is to allow Donsanto
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so
> to provide a statement
> that would be included in the report and in the
> record.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: <wang@tcf.org>
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"
> <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
> Cc: "Tova Wang" <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

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> the office all next week.
> >
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.
> >
> > Tova
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM
> > Subject: Re: Various
> >
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> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one
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> > time. I just wanted you to
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> >> 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
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> >> 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
> >>
> >> 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

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> of
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty
> interviews.
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not
> in on
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said
> and
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the
> opportunity,
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews
> were, to
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give
> us
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments
> from
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one
> >> statement in one interview that there is a
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the
> paragraph
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the
> paragraph
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other
> DOJ
> >> electoral investigations.
> >>
> >> Job
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Peg,
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave., NW
Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202-566-3100
www.eac.gov

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" 
cc
Subject methodology

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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov
cc
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"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:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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



"Tova Wang"
<twang@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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc [REDACTED]
Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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"Job Serebroy"
[REDACTED]
06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov
cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

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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 [REDACTED]

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



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
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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]

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

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

Thanks,

Job

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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

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Subject RE: donsanto interview

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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).

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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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

----- Original Message -----
From: "Job Serebrov" [serebrov@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org
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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]
06/30/2006 07:10 PM

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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06/26/2006 04:38 PM

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

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]@hushlab.net

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

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

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

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

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

To: psims@eac.gov

Cc: [REDACTED]; 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

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



"Job Serebroy" <[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.

Peggy Sims
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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

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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

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

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

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

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



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

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

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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

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

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

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

Job

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07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

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"

[REDACTED]
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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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> 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,

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> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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

> Tova

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> 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

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>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to
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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

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

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

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

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

>> Subject: Various

>> Peg:

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

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

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

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