

> find out what happened.  
> Hope all is well with you.  
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> Julie:  
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> I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It  
> is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?  
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03/08/2007 02:28 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Deobligation

Peggy:

To the best of my knowledge, there is no activity on these 2 contracts. Please confirm if it is OK to deobligate these funds. Thank you.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

03/09/2007 02:47 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Response Requested - Fw: info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

All,

Please see Dan Seligson's questions and request. Exactly what are we going to provide to the House subcommittee and when? Once they receive it, can the subcommittee or its members then release it to anyone they choose? Do we plan to release it to everyone once we've provided it to the subcommittee?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 03/09/2007 02:29 PM -----



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03/09/2007 02:26 PM

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Subject info request re: House Appropriations subcommittee hearing

Bryan -

As I mentioned on the phone, I am seeking information as a follow up to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services. At the hearing, Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., requested that the EAC submit the original version of a report written by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Chairwoman Davidson said she would provide the original report (I believe) within three days. Is that still the case? Will the subcommittee have the original report, as submitted by the consultants, on Monday? And if so, may we have a copy as well?

Thanks,  
Dan

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc d davidson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Looks fine to me. Of course, she is probably referring to our decision not to release the consultants' draft final report. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

03/13/2007 02:25 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov,  
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Subject Voter ID, Fraud & Intimidation--Need your input

Hello all,

A columnist from the WaPo has asked for info about both the voter ID and the fraud and intimidation reports. This was prompted by the accusation that the president was concerned that the fired prosecutors were not aggressively pursuing voter fraud cases. She had heard that we were refusing to release this information, so I am trying to demonstrate otherwise, as well as show that we have discussed these projects numerous times in public meetings. Please take a look at my draft email to her and let me know if you have any suggestions. She needs to hear back from me by 4 p.m. Thanks for your help with this.

Ms. Cocco,

Per your questions, go [here](#) to view the testimony regarding voter ID from our Feb. 2 public meeting. As I mentioned, at this meeting EAC Chair Donetta Davidson requested that staff review the initial research provided by Eagleton and produce a final report, which would include recommendations for further study on this subject. Currently, staff is working to finalize the voter ID report.

Regarding the voter fraud and intimidation research, at a May 2006 public meeting of our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, the EAC project manager for this research presented a staff update on the project. Go [here](#) to view the agenda, page 3. The document you referred to was the update the project manager gave at this public meeting, and it has been made available to anyone who asked for it. The final culmination of this project can be found [here](#), and links to the attachments provided by the consultants are available by going to page 24 of this report. The commissioners adopted this report at a [public meeting in Dec. 2006](#).

As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for these projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy and then releases a final report.

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04/02/2007 11:29 AM

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Subject Re: 

The info that is on the website should be everything that you and she need. If you have trouble locating that info, Jeannie can probably direct you to where you can find it.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Karen Lynn-Dyson

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

**From:** Karen Lynn-Dyson  
**Sent:** 04/02/2007 11:02 AM EDT  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Juliet Hodgkins; 

Peg-

This week Heather Moss, a research intern will be starting with us. Heather is presently in law school and worked for DOJ in the Voting Rights Division for four years. Heather's primary responsibility (for the next month or so) will be helping us develop the follow- on research project for the Election Crimes study.

Also as an FYI- Commissioner Hunter and her Special Assistant, Stephanie Wolson have expressed an interest in working closely with staff on this project.

I would like to schedule a call/meeting for later on this week so that everyone can be brought up to speed on this work.

In preparation for this meeting I would like to give Heather the project materials which Job and Tova worked on and any relevant material you may have .

Could you direct me to these files so that Heather may begin her work on this project? Could you also let me know dates and times this week that might work for you?

Thanks

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Subject Re: Please review my responses

Julie has already raised the point that most concerned me: I don't think it is accurate to say the consultant's recommendations were their findings. The recommendations were a combination of consultant recommendations and working group recommendations for future EAC action. We did not ask the consultants to provide "findings" because this research was never supposed to be the definitive study on the subject. Instead, it was supposed to be an initial effort to see what relevant information is available, to define voting fraud and voter intimidation, and to make recommendations to EAC regarding how to pursue the subject (next steps). --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
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Subject Please review my responses

This are questions from a "freelance" reporter who is very hot about the "Tova Wang report." Please let me know if my answers are accurate, and I welcome any suggestions you may have. I need to get your input by COB tomorrow. I am also looking for more clarification on what didn't make it into the fraud report. She is asking if we included all of their "findings" and their "research."

Thanks.

1) You said that the Wang/Serebrov report has not been released because it was predecisional. Was the Moritz/Eagleton report released because it was not predecisional? The Moritz/Eagleton report was a predecisional document. The commissioners took an action not to adopt a final report based upon the Moritz/Eagleton report, but to release all the predecisional information (the draft report).

2) I understood you to say that the December EAC report includes all of the Wang/Serebrov recommendations but not all of the Wang/Serebrov findings. Is that correct? The report does include all of their recommendations, which were their findings, and all of the research they conducted.

3) I understood you to say that EAC staff added results of their own research to the December EAC report. Is that correct? What I said was EAC staff reviewed the report for accuracy, for grammar and added language that reflected the commission's decision to adopt the final version based upon the initial research provided by the consultants.

4) If I'm correct on questions 2 and 3, would it be accurate to say that

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readers of the December report cannot tell how much of that report does and does not reflect the original Wang/Serebrov findings? The consultants' recommendations are their findings. All of the recommendations are included in the final report, so readers can make the determination regarding the recommendations.

5) I called earlier today requesting the Wang/Serebrov report, and you sent me the December EAC report. I am concerned that if I had not already been researching this closely, I would have thought that you'd sent me the Wang/Serebrov report and would have reported incorrectly that you had. Does the EAC have any comment on this manner of repoding to press inquiries? (I contacted you to request the report after I read in the Statesman Journal of Salem, Oregon, an article by Marie Cocco that says: "The bipartisan commission didn't widely release the consultants' review, but makes it available on request." Did the EAC indeed give Ms. Cocco a copy of the "consultants' review"? Or has she misunderstood you in the way I'm concerned about?) I sent you a link to the "EAC report" because it is what was adopted by the commission based upon the research conducted by the consultants. The final report clearly states how it was compiled and includes bios for both of the consultants. Regarding Ms. Cocco, I explained the entire process to her. I provided the staff update on the project which was presented at a public meeting in May 2006 and the final report, which is posted on the EAC website. Regarding "this manner of responding to press inquiries," I have forwarded your comments to my supervisor so he can review my performance regarding the handling of your inquiry.

6) I understood you to say that the EAC did not release the Wang/Serebrov report in its original form because the EAC has to do due diligence and its staff is small. Do I understand you correctly? As a small agency of 23 employees, including the four commissioners, it is necessary for the agency to contract with consultants to gather the initial data for research projects. After EAC receives the initial data, the agency reviews the data for accuracy. What form of due diligence does the EAC's staff routinely conduct on research that is contracted out to experts before that research is released? You mentioned "vetting" the research. What does that vetting entail? It depends on the project. For instance, if it is information directly related to a mandate within the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), staff will make sure that the information is consistent with the law. In addition, we often ask for input from our Standards Board and Board of Advisors, which combined consist of more than 147 members. If we are using research that will eventually become guidance, we are required by HAVA to seek the input of these boards. Go here for more information about these boards and its members. If the board members have feedback, then we must make the determination whether to incorporate it, and, if so, how to incorporate their changes. If the research is focused on election laws throughout the country, we make sure the laws are cited correctly and that state legislatures haven't changed or amended these laws since the research was conducted. (As you probably know, there have been many new election laws introduced at the state level since 2004.) Throughout the process, we review for grammar as well as make sure the document flows and is arranged logically -- the basic tenets of editing.

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04/13/2007 05:08 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Most of the working files for this project are in a red folder sitting on my window sill; but I have some individual files in manila folders for Job and Tova propped upright on my desk next to the computer. Isn't this something that can wait until Monday? --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 04:42 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Where are your working files maintained?

Margaret Sims

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

**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 04/13/2007 04:27 PM EDT

**To:** Edgardo Cortes

**Subject:** Re: Working group meeting transcript

I don't maintain "official" contract files, just working copies (and I am missing a copy of one of Tova's contracts). The official files should be with the other official EAC contract files. There were 4 personal services contracts between Tova and Job. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

They are also requesting copies of the signed contracts. Where are your official contract files for that contract? Let me know where they are and I will pull them to give Gavin the copies so he can review for releasability. Thanks!

Edgardo Cortés  
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Subject Re: Working group meeting transcript

There is only one transcript. In addition to the electronic copy, I have a hard copy in the file. Job Serebrov submitted one correction related to the information reported on his background, not the study. Otherwise, the transcript has NOT been reviewed for accuracy and we have not released copies to anyone but our consultants. --- Peggy

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Subject Working group meeting transcript

Peggy,

Is the transcript contained in T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Working Group the only transcript that exists for that working group? Did you ever review it for accuracy? Has it been released to anyone previously? We've had a request from Todd Rokita's office for a copy and I want to be sure we are sending the correct file. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Gavin:

For the most part, the appendices published on our website appear to be cleaned up versions of what was on the CD. One big exception: the appendices do not include the charts of Nexis articles reviewed, which were on the CD. Also, I can't tell at a glance if all of the case law charts were put on the website. ---

Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

04/16/2007 03:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Is this the same thing (with subsequent research collected) that appears in the 4 appendix to the final report as posted on our website?

GG

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Subject Re: Fw: Your Information Request 

Gavin:

We put the bulk of the raw research, as it stood just prior to the Working Group meeting, on a CD that was included in the folder provided to all meeting participants. You can access the contents that we put on the

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believe you can find it at the following link:

[attachment "20070411voters\_draft\_report.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

I will need to get back with you regarding the Contract Employees scope of work.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Vote fraud report 

As far as I know, you are absolutely correct! Julie did the bulk of the rewrite and used my analyses of the preliminary info submitted by our contractors. I know that I had no contact with the administration regarding this study. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/17/2007 01:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
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Subject Vote fraud report

The St. Louis Post Dispatch wrote an editorial that said the administration edited our report. I am almost absolutely sure that is not true, but I wanted to confirm that with you before I request a correction. Thanks.

Jeannie Layson

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04/17/2007 03:18 PM

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Subject Re: Need emails 

Julie:

The attached appears to be the Job Serebrov email, a portion of which was quoted in the NY Times. He was responding to my email advising him that recent press reports were referring to the status report on the vote fraud-voter intimidation project, and that we had not released the final report. (A copy of my email is attached.) There are no follow-up emails on this topic. --- Peggy

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2007 03:07 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

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

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Peg:

We saw both the USA Today article and a similar thing was reported on Rush Limbaugh's show naming both of us. I had a talk this morning with folks at the EAC. I told them at this point there needs to be a press release sent out by the Chairman saying just what you stated. This is the only way to rehabilitate the work we did, the Chairman's credibility, and our reputations. I also fear that if this is not done the EAC will begin to receive calls from Congressman and Senators regarding the "report" and its effect on voter ID requirements.

Peg, up to now Tova and I have refused to speak with the press at all out of respect for the EAC and its mission. We both stand by our work and its conclusions. We both also feel that if a statement (as well phrased as you did in this e-mail clarifying the issue) is not forthcoming from the Chairman then I will have to correct this error with the Press. I explained this in my conversation this morning with the EAC.

Tova and I worked hard to produce a correct, accurate and truthful report. I could care less that the results are not what the more conservative members of my Party wanted. Neither one of us

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was willing to conform results for political expediency. I think its important for me to note that I was very impressed with Tova's members of the Working Group and I can't say enough about Tova's partnership effort in this endeavor. While neither one of us really care about outside opinions, we do care that the Chairman was quoted or misquoted in a way that would disparage our year-long effort and all of the tax payer money that went into it. For this reason, we believe that a press release clarifying the situation is necessary from either the Chairman or from me.

Regards,

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Tova and Job:

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

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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04/17/2007 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Need emails

Peggy,

Can you pull out the emails between you and Job that were quoted in the NYT? I need anything that has to do with the subject that was referred to in the quoted email as well as any follow up to that email. We

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need it to be able to respond to the letter from Sen. Feinstein, and I figured you could identify those easier than me searching through the reams of paper in Jeannie's office.

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Subject Re: Need your help ASAP 

Jeannie:

I did not receive your request in time to type responses on my blackberry by 2 PM, given the information needed. Here are the answers to your questions:

*1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?*

As far as I know, we didn't. contact DOJ officials about this except in response to concerns they had previously expressed to us. Also, I don't believe we ever allowed DOJ to edit the summaries. (I certainly didn't.) I believe the consultants and I discussed the idea of having all the interviewees review their respective interview summaries, but the consultants objected to the idea and there were concerns that the all of the money remaining available was needed to complete the final report.

Craig Donsanto, Election Crimes Branch, saw the summary of his interview among the documents provided to the Working Group (prior to the meeting of that group), and pointed out an important factual error. The summary, as originally written, portrayed DOJ as switching from the prosecution of conspiracies to the prosecution of individuals. I was present at this interview and this was not what Craig had said, nor is it supported by the information available on the election crimes pursued by that branch. DOJ continues to pursue conspiracies and, in addition, has begun to pursue individuals (specifically, double voting, felon voting and alien voting) in an effort to deter others from election crime.

To my knowledge, John Tanner, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, had not seen the consultants' full summary of his interview; but he expressed concern to Tova Wang and EAC about the consultants' characterization of the interviews with Donsanto and him that had been included in the May 2006 status report. This report was provided to the members of the EAC Standards and Advisory Boards. Per HAVA requirements, the Voting Section is represented on the Advisory Board. Tanner pointed to the following errors:

- First, the consultants stated that DOJ was not pursuing voter suppression cases. Tanner responded that "[t]he Department has brought two 11(b) cases, one of the two in this Administration. The focus of DOJ activity has shifted, in fact, to voter suppression as there are fewer cases over voter dilution (challenges to at-large election systems, etc.) being brought by anyone as the number of jurisdictions with at-large election systems has shrunk dramatically. This Administration has, in fact, brought far more voter-suppression cases ... than ever in the past, including a majority of all cases under Sections 203 and 208 of the Act, and such key recent Section 2 cases as US v. City of Boston and US

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- v. Long County, Georgia."
- Second, the consultants implied that DOJ is not pursuing instances of unequal implementation of ID rules. Tanner's response was that "[c]hallenges based on race and unequal implementation of ID rules are indeed actionable and we have brought lawsuits, such as in Boston and Long County; we have not identified instances of such discrimination in which we have not taken action."

Tanner also pointed to the consultants' refusal during the interview to define what they meant by "voter intimidation", which Tanner suspected did not jibe with the meaning of the term in federal prosecutions and probably contributed to misunderstandings. (Federal voter intimidation prosecutions require the threat of economic or physical harm.)

By the way, both of these officials are career attorneys, not political appointees. They have years of service at DOJ, working under a number of different administrations.

## *2. Exactly what did we change and why?*

In the case of the Donsanto interview summary, I spoke with our consultants and asked them to make the correction. At first, they both refused. Later, they revised the summary to be a little less blatant, but the implication that there had been a complete change in approach remained. We revised the summary to clearly indicate that prosecution of conspiracies continues. The revised paragraph is on page 4 of the published summary. We also added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Election Crimes Branch and to distinguish it from the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division.

In the case of the actual John Tanner interview summary, we added an intro paragraph similar to other interview summaries submitted by the consultants to summarize the enforcement authority of the Voting Section and to distinguish it from the Election Crimes Branch. We also moved the consultants' note about the refusal to share certain internal working papers to the end of the summary because it seemed to distract from the main interview points if left as an introduction.

Making the distinction between the Election Crimes Branch and the Voting Section is important. The Voting Section brings cases involving "systemic" discrimination because federal voting statutes focus on discriminatory action by local governments. It is criminal statutes that involve malfeasance by individuals and that are enforced by the Election Crimes Branch through Us Attorneys' offices. The difference is key to understanding federal election law enforcement.

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04/18/2007 12:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Need your help ASAP

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Peg,

If possible, I need answers for these questions in reference to the vote fraud/voter intimidation project by 2 p.m. today for an inquiry for Congressional Quarterly:

1. Why did we only contact DOJ officials regarding the accuracy of their interviews?
2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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04/19/2007 08:53 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen  
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Correction to Cost of Vote Fraud Contracts

FYI - I noticed that some newsclips are saying we spent \$100,000 on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Each of the consultants had two contracts totaling almost \$75,000 (not including funds set aside for related travel), so the total between them would have been closer to \$150,000. If anyone needs to know the added travel costs, Wang spent about \$4,500 and Serebrov \$1,200 over the course of the 2 contracts.

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> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> Peggy:  
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> Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me  
> not  
> to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come  
> back to bite me. I know these people well enough to  
> say they will also want a balanced group. In fact,  
> one  
> of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.  
>  
> Job  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
>> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
>> got to pick three  
>> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
>> guidance regarding this  
>> particular member follows:  
>>  
>> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
>> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
>> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>>  
>> This issue of allowing a designee relates to  
> Tova's  
>> pick.  
>>  
>> As I understand it, we are working on a  
> replacement  
>> for Norcross. If  
>> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
>> includes public  
>> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
>> not try and stir up  
>> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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>> The effort is likely  
>> to come back and bite you.  
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>>  
>> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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>> To  
>> psims@eac.gov  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I really don't care if he represents the  
> > organization  
> > or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> > because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> > going  
> > to invite him without first having a replacement  
> > for  
> > my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> > discuss  
> > all of this.  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > > her. He works for her  
> > > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> > >  
> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
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> > > Re: new working group representative  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
> > >  
> > > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> > >  
> > > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > > >  
> > > > Here' s his info in full:  
> > > >



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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov

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05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:28 PM

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

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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05/12/2006 01:41 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

@GSAEXTERNAL

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

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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).  
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> 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  
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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

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Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

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

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/12/2006 02:33 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition  
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04/26/2006 11:22 AM

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

Hi Peg,

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

Tova Andrea Wang  
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wang@tcf.org  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

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

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

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

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**To:** wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
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05/10/2006 10:27 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Court reporter 

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

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov, ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Yes. Thanks. Depending on when Commissioner Davidson can spare you, we may need your help putting materials together for the Working Group (probably next week). We also will have to print name tags and place cards. If you are a good note-taker, we also will need people to take turns taking notes at the meeting. --- Peggy

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:26 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy,

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Can I help on this working group?

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Good News

Job:

Secretary Rokita is available May 18. I'm going to talk with the Chairman today about substituting Rogers for Norcross. Do you have contact information for Rogers? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 05:20 PM

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

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RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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

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



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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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

Craig:

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

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

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

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

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

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

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

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

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?  
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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

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

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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

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

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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

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

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 01:34 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition 

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]

**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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 12:13 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: invoice

Tova:

The draft voucher looks fine except for two things (one of them is our fault):

(1) it appears that you worked 11 days, rather than 10, during the first two weeks; and  
(2) you need to put the total dollar amount owed you (\$9,102) somewhere on the form. (Last time you put it in the box with the total hours worked this period.)

Don't forget to sign and date the voucher. Thanks.

Peggy Sims

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

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

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

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:10 PM

To Devon Romig

cc ecortes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Barry Weinberg has confirmed he can attend the afternoon of May 18. He lives in the DC area, so we won't have to worry about travel. I have contacted Pat Rogers office and left a voice mail for his assistant. Hopefully, I will hear from them this afternoon. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Bob Bauer

We have heard from Bob Bauer regarding his availability, so we don't need to have you pursue the matter. Thanks for the offer, though. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

[REDACTED]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel

Peggy:

If I am calculating it right and I believe I am, it would cost around \$450 plus my meal allowance in Virginia and Tennessee (coming and going).

All of this said, I am still a person down and there is the bed problem.

Job

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wang@tcf.org

05/06/2006 08:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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wang@tcf.org

05/04/2006 08:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: wg

Thats great news. What happens with respect to hotels? Should I make my own arrangements? I expect Job and I will want to stay the nights of the 17th and 18th. Thanks Pegs. And congratulations.

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

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 5:47 PM

Subject: Re: wg

>  
 > Tova:  
 >  
 > Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not  
 > disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a  
 > replacement for Norcross.  
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 > Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be  
 > unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that  
 > morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and  
 > Job  
 > regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

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Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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04/27/2006 09:13 AM

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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Unfortunately, I have to get the Working Group together before then, so that my consultants can prepare the final report before June. (In June, I lose one of them to State employment.) In understand about the crammed schedule. This month and next are chock full.

Peggy

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



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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04/26/2006 09:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

How about we meld this wit the EAC Board of Advisors meeting? I just got tagged to be parliamentarian --

We could attend to your folks whike I arbitrate a food fight!!!!

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Literature Summary

Donsanto lists four types of election fraud: schemes to purposely and corruptly register voters who either do not exist, or who are known by the putative defendant to be ineligible to vote under applicable state law; schemes to cast, record or fraudulently tabulate votes for voters who do not participate in the voting act at all; schemes to corrupt the voting act of voters who do participate in the voting act to a limited extent; and, schemes to knowingly prevent voters qualified voters from voting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> When I opened the attachment, I still had problems  
> with the 4th paragraph.  
> Would you please just send me that paragraph within  
> the text of your  
> email so that I can paste it into the document? ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  


Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

@GSAEXTERNAL

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Conference Call 

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If 'Yes', check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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<[REDACTED]>  
05/03/2006 01:48 PM

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

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

>  
04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebroy"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

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

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

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

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show  
> up in person to help  
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.  
> I also am concerned  
> about the impression that your absence will leave  
> with the Commissioners  
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.  
>  
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement  
> caused by including the  
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I  
> can always process  
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff  
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a  
> more reasonable rate for  
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be  
> able to obtain Federal  
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a  
> travel advance, which is  
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to  
> pay the difference  
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred  
> for personal  
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.

> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.

> Peggy Sims  
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> (direct)  
> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group

> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not  
> going  
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info  
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.  
> Two  
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the  
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the  
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I  
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the  
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the  
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose  
> money.

> I simply do not see how we can do this in person  
> given  
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Job:  
> >  
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> > conduct the Working  
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> >  
> > Peggy:  
> >  
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> > in  
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> > money  
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> > for  
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> > for  
> > this working group meeting to take place in  
> > person.  
> > It  
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is  
> > by  
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> > the  
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
> >  
> > Job  
> >  
> >  
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >

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

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> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 02:10 PM

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

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

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

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"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 03:45 PM

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

Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Re: new working group representative

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

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

> is Jon Greenbaum  
>  
> Here' s his info in full:  
>  
> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
> 1  
>  
> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for  
> the Lawyers Committee  
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> Arnwine, the Executive  
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
>  
> His contact and mailing info is:  
>  
> jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> 202-662-8315  
> 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> Suite 400  
> Washington, DC 20005  
>  
>  
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> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Federal Crime of

> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is

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> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez [REDACTED]

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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email: psims@eac.gov

"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez"

[REDACTED] at>  
05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5\_5\_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez  
Elections Administrator  
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[Redacted]

05/05/2006 12:27 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

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

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

**T** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---  
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [Redacted]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

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

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

**To:** [Redacted]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

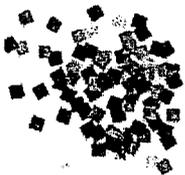
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working  
> Group members. I need  
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the  
> day, and have not heard  
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a  
> vacancy, or list Norcross  
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a  
> substitute, we can always  
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo\\_landing.html?category=sweet\\_sleeper](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper)

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang  
201 West 74th Street, Apt 11F  
New York, NY 10023  
Phone: 212-362-5223  
(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov  
2110 South Spring Street  
Little Rock, AR 72206  
Phone: 501-374-2176

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

05/02/2006 05:52 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

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

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**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

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

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

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

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

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

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

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: interview analysis

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov"' <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED]  
Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

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To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: wg

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

<[redacted]>

To

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05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM [REDACTED]

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have

> > received a "No" from

> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM [REDACTED]

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> > Subject

> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,  
> > the  
> > > WG will have  
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you  
> > and  
> > > Tova containing the  
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I  
> > haven't  
> > > sent anything yet  
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for  
> > > inclusion. (Still  
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)  
> > >  
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a  
> > > very short meeting after  
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference  
> > the  
> > > following Monday  
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll  
> > be  
> > > out of the office  
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin  
> > that  
> > > day. --- Peggy  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> > > cc  
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> > > Subject  
> > > Re: Fraud Definition  
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> > >  
> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have  
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same  
> > packets  
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure  
> > with  
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a  
> > > teleconference  
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We





Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Update

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> Peggy:

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

> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: new working group representative

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> her. He works for her  
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To

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

> cc

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> serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he  
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.  
>  
> --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
>  
> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:  
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> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
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> > 1  
> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> >  
> > His contact and mailing info is:  
> >  
> > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > 202-662-8315  
> > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > Suite 400  
> > Washington, DC 20005  
> >  
> >  
> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > Democracy Fellow  
> > The Century Foundation  
> > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> > phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
> >  
> > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.tcf.org/>>  
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> > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

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

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----

Devon E. Romlg/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com> wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
>  
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> tomorrow. Depositions all  
> day today. Thanks, Pat  
>  
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?  
>  
>  
> Patrick J. Rogers  
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> Tel: 505-848-1849  
> Fax: 505-848-1891  
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>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> Subject: Working Group meeting  
>  
> Pat:  
>  
> The working group meeting for the voter fraud  
> project is scheduled for  
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.  
> Could you come? If so,  
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.  
>  
> Regards,  
>  
> Job  
>

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> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

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"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:52 PM

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

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

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

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: ]  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

501-626-0440

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED] dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat.2.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:  
>  
> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE  
>  
> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
>  
> \*\*\*  
>  
> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.  
> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:  
> (1) the county judge, as chair;  
> (2) the county clerk, as vice  
> chair;  
> (3) the county tax  
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and  
> (4) the county chair of each  
> political party that made  
> nominations by primary election for the last general  
> election for state  
> and county officers preceding the date of the  
> meeting at which the  
> appointment is made.  
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's  
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an  
> administrator.  
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or  
> order signed by the number of commission members  
> necessary to make the  
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator  
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the  
> meeting shall file a signed  
> copy of the resolution or order with the county  
> clerk. Not later than the  
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the  
> county clerk shall deliver  
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.  
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at  
> any time after the  
> adoption of the order creating the position.  
>  
> \*\*\*  
>  
> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

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

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

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy  
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> >

> > "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > wang@tcf.org  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> >  
> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> > a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> > would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> > and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> > in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> > party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> > > to  
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> > > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.  
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> > > someone from Texas because of that State's  
> > > colorful  
> > > history of voting  
> > > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> > > it.  
> > > In those Texas  
> > > counties that hire Election Administrators to  
> > > run  
> > > elections, rather than  
> > > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for  
> > > voter registration;  
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election  
> > > Administrator is hired by the  
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > > perform his or her duties in  
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts  
> > > from  
> > > Texas Election Code  
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
> > > activity.)  
> > > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
> State.  
> >  
> > > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > > in Texas. You won't  
> > > find many news articles mentioning him because  
> he  
> > > has kept his nose clean.  
> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > > country, prefers to  
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > > association of Texas  
> > > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > > of election officials  
> > > in this country: the International Association  
> of  
> > > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

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

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 02:45 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

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Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> >  
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

@GSAEXTERNAL

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> "Job Serebrov" 

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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"Job Serebrov"

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

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

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

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

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** s [REDACTED]

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

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--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To bginsberg@pattonboggs.com

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

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

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims  
 Election Research Specialist  
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
 Fax: 202-566-3127  
 email: psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:25 AM

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

cc

Subject Re: arnwine 

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

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

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:28 PM -----

Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV  
04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington  
(202) 566-2209

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc se [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org, ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 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; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call 1-866-222-9044.
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

You mentioned that Secretary Grayson may be using a cell phone. Our teleconference provider has given us the following information regarding the use of cell phones during the teleconference:

- Signals are often in and out and the audio bridging equipment cannot compensate fast enough by adjusting the signal. This affects all participants connected. If participants must use a cell phone – they should be stationary in a location where they can pick up the other participants, moving while using a cell phone causes the signal to go in and out and often will pick up extraneous electrical signals that will cause heavy static on the call.
- The cell phone should be well charged and muted, if possible, until the individual is ready to speak.
- If there is a problem, anybody who dials into a conference can contact the operator/technicians by simply pressing \*0 (star zero). This information is part of the recording when individuals are dialing in.

If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free) or 202-566-3126. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

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

To psims@eac.gov

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

>

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

>

> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back

> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

> interview. Which day and time is best for you and

> Job?

>

> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,

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> Happy Easter!

>

> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about

> this latest initiative,

> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

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

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