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Subject Re: Literature Summary 

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05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Literature Summary

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05/05/2006 12:53 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter
Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

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



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05/05/2006 12:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter
Intimidation project meeting

If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM

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To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy

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05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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

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05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To

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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:

- 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
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Washington, DC 20005

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Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)

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email: psims@eac.gov

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05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: arwine [REDACTED]

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arwine

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

Democracy Fellow

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

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

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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, 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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05/05/2006 09:15 AM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

The non-election officials on the Working Group currently include:

- Barry Weinberg, whom you know
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (organization associated with the Voting Rights Project and Election Protection)
- Bob Bauer, Perkins Coie, DC (Democrat attorney)
- Mark "Thor" Hearne, Lathrop & Gage, St Louis, MO (Republican attorney)

I am trying to recruit one other Republican attorney, Patrick Rogers, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris and Sisk, NM, who was recommended by our Republican consultant. He would replace an original member who is no longer available.

I know that Barbara has associated at conferences and in legislative efforts with Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Also, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is listed as one of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_committee.html).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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



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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>
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05/04/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimonious FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidation"

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: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006
Subject: 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

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"Donsanto, Craig" <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?

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

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

RE: 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.

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

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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 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.

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"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.

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 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20005
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"
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05/16/2006 01:41 PM
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Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: Your Materials

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Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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"Tova Wang"

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject presentation

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

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"Tova Wang"

05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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

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

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

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

Thanks!

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

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



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Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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05/16/2006 03:14 PM

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

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

cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

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

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

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

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting

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when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

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

Thanks,
Natalie

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"

05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: press interview [REDACTED]

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

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To psims@eac.gov
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Thank you for this, Peg.

The third bullet point is one I embrace fully. We lack the statutory tool to do the job. Hopefully, that can be remedied through legislation. But as things stand today large loopholes in the federal legal matrix addressing electoral abuse and fraud exist - - particularly when such abuses occur in elections where there were no federal candidates on the ballot.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 8:44 AM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Here is the content of the email attachment:

Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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

- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

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05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
05/15/2006 11:36 AM

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Subject thursday

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

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

Peg - -

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

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

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

Craig:

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

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

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED]
Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov
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How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/15/2006 05:02 PM

To [REDACTED]
cc
Subject Re: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

Tova:

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

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

wang@tcf.org



[REDACTED]
05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?
----- Original Message -----

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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: [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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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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Subject board of advisers presentation

013124



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

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

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

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

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

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

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

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

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

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards [REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
05/26/2006 10:41 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

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

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

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

Craig:

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:48 PM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
v>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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

202-514-1421.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006

Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

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

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting

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Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

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

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:48 PM ---

"Tova Wang" 

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject presentation

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

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

This looks fine otherwise, but I'm not sure I understand why you included the attachments you did. They are not really representative of what we did for the project as a whole. The summaries are just meant to supplement the nexis excel charts.

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" [redacted], psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Corrections

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov;

cc

Subject RE: Corrections

Should we send all of the interview summaries to the people we interviewed for review then?

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:30 AM

To: s [redacted]

Cc: w [redacted]

Subject: Re: Corrections

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To "Tova Wang" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

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cc [redacted]

Subject Re: Corrections [redacted]

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> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's
> parking spot?
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > You will need to submit hotel and parking
> receipts.
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I
> am
> > at the office (this afternoon).
> > Peg
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> > -----
> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
> >
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> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM
> > To: psims@eac.gov
> > Subject: Question
> >
> > Peg:
> >
> > Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts,
> do
> > you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my
> > car
> > use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have
> to
> > retain food receipts.
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> > Job
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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:47 PM ---



"Tova Wang"
[REDACTED]
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject I'm sorry

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I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 05:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

What is the information you need when you say:
The consultants jointly selected experts from ???

We chose the interviewees by first coming up with a list of the categories of types of people we wanted to interview. Then we each filled those categories with a certain number of people, equally. The ultimate categories were academics, advocates, elections officials, lawyers and judges.

Is that what you need?

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/15/2006 09:28 AM

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

Excellent!

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:47 PM -----

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 04:55 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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



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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:47 PM -----

Tamar Nedzar /EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To

[REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.

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"Tova Wang"

05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

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

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

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"Tova Wang"

To psims@eac.gov

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"Weinberg and Utrecht "
 [REDACTED]
 05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov
 cc
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:
 The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.
 Barry

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> I still think its sufficient for him to raise the
> points verbally. All of
> the interview summaries reflect what Job and I both
> understood the
> interviewees to say. This really opens to the door
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> says, "corrections"

> -----Original Message-----
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM
> To: wang@tcf.org
> Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> Subject: RE: Corrections

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 10:59 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fw: Your Materials

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"Tova Wang"

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: I'm sorry

Great -- thanks so much and apologies for the false alarm.

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

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From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: psims@eac.gov
Subject: RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100
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www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc dromig@eac.gov
Subject RE: I'm sorry

Thats good. I'm probably just getting crazy, trying to make sure everything is perfect. Devon, maybe you can check? Otherwise I'll check it when it comes. Thanks. And be well Peg.

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 8:23 AM
To: Tova Andrea Wang
Subject: Re: I'm sorry

Tova:

I think you did send this --- or is this a revised version of one you sent earlier? It should be on the CD in the packet you should receive today.. (Can't check that right now as I am at the clinic.) If I put anything on the CD that you want to highlight at the meeting, let me know and we'll make copies for those attending.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

013149

Sent: 05/15/2006 09:07 AM
To: Margaret Sims
Cc: Devon Romig
Subject: I'm sorry

I don't think I sent this to you either. Can we hand it out at the meeting as an addendum? Its another summary that would have gone in the news article section. I'm usually so organized, I'm very embarrassed. Too many things! Thanks

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 08:43 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Here is the content of the email attachment:

Existing Research Analysis

There are many reports and books that describe anecdotes and draw broad conclusions from a large array of incidents. There is little research that is truly systematic or scientific. The most systematic look at fraud is the report written by Lori Minnite. The most systematic look at voter intimidation is the report by Laughlin McDonald. Books written about this subject seem to all have a political bias and a pre-existing agenda that makes them somewhat less valuable.

Researchers agree that measuring something like the incidence of fraud and intimidation in a scientifically legitimate way is extremely difficult from a methodological perspective and would require resources beyond the means of most social and political scientists. As a result, there is much more written on this topic by advocacy groups than social scientists. It is hoped that this gap will be filled in the "second phase" of this EAC project.

Moreover, reports and books make allegations but, perhaps by their nature, have little follow up. As a result, it is difficult to know when something has remained in the stage

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of being an allegation and gone no further, or progressed to the point of being investigated or prosecuted or in any other way proven to be valid by an independent, neutral entity. This is true, for example, with respect to allegations of voter intimidation by civil rights organizations, and, with respect to fraud, John Fund's frequently cited book. Again, this is something that it is hoped will be addressed in the "second phase" of this EAC project by doing follow up research on allegations made in reports, books and newspaper articles.

Other items of note:

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

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



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

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

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

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Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

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

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

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

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OK. --- Peg

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



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

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 3:14 PM

To: Donsanto, Craig

Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

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

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
Subject: RE: Your Materials

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

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

Craig:

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

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

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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

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

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov
cc
SubjectYour Materials

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"Tova Wang"

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

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

To:

Subject: Fw: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

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

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

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

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

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

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

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

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

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has

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increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/29/2006 01:47 PM -----

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

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

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

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

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"Tova Wang"

05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc <[REDACTED]>

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

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

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

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

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

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Re: Working Group Notes

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

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject notes

Hi Peg,

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

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05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc s [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes [REDACTED]

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VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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"Tova Wang"

06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

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

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06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

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Tova

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06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL
cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net
Subject Re: [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

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

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[REDACTED]
06/14/2006 08:56 PM

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

Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm EST?
----- Original Message -----
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
To: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.
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> --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:
>
>> Hi Job,
>>
>> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the
>> transcript early next week.
>> Regardless, we should talk about the organization

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>> and distribution of work
>> on the final report and try to finally get it done.
>> Would it be possible
>> for you to do a call before you leave for work in
>> the morning, say 8 am your
>> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm your
>> time on Wednesday?
>> Thanks.
>>
>> Tova
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"Tova Wang"

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

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

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

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

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30

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and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

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

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

Thank you,

Job

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

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>
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
> cc
> serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> Subject
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

> Peg:

>
> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.
> As
> I told you I will need to finish this project after
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and
> expand on mine this weekend.

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>
> "Job Serebrov" < [REDACTED] >
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

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> cc
> [REDACTED]
> Subject
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference
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> Peg:
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> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take
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> daily working hours. I am still getting things done
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and
> expand on mine this weekend.
>
> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled
> the
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?
>
> Job
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>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.
> ---
> > Peggy
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> >
> > [REDACTED]
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM
> >
> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > [REDACTED]
> > Subject
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at
> 3.
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>
> > To: [REDACTED]
> > Cc: [REDACTED]
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference
> >

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> Tova
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"Tova Wang"

06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

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Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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"Tova Wang"

06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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

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

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM

To:

Subject: Will Call Later

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Tomorrow is primary election day in VA. Still no transcript. I have taken a look at the recommendations that you sent me, but have not yet heard from Job. --- Peg
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06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL
cc

Subject RE: Will Call Later [REDACTED]

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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