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To "Job Serebrov"

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

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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  
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05/05/2006 02:32 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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To "Job Serebrov"

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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" 

"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 03:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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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.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have  
> received a "No" from  
> Ginsberg. --- Peg  
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04/26/2006 11:22 AM

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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  
Democracy Fellow  
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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

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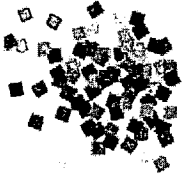
To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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



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.

Devon Romig  
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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



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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Can I help on this working group?

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To pdegregorio@eac.gov, rmartinez@eac.gov,  
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bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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.

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To Job Serebrov  
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Subject Good News

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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

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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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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

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**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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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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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

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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

To psims@eac.gov, [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 Serebroy"  
[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  
cc

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Subject: Fw: Your Priceline Hotel Reservation #103-967-342-62

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

From: [Priceline Customer Service](#)

To: [WANG@TCF.ORG](mailto:WANG@TCF.ORG)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 9:21 PM

Subject: Your Priceline Hotel Reservation #103-967-342-62

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**Hotel Details**

**Embassy Suites Hotel Washington, D.C.**  
 1250 22Nd St Nw  
 Washington, DC 20037  
 202-857-3388

Check-in:	Wednesday, May 17, 2006 04:00 PM
Check-out:	Friday, May 19, 2006 12:00 PM
Room #:	Room Wang Confirmation # 620362716

**Summary of Charges**

Room Cost (avg. per room, per night)	\$139.00 USD
Number of Rooms	1
Number of Nights	2
Room Subtotal	\$278.00 USD
Taxes and Fees	Way, usually
Total Room Cost	\$278.00 USD

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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

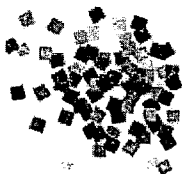
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- > Tova:
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- > Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not
- > disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a
- > replacement for Norcross.
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-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

wang@tcf.org

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 > Hi Peg,  
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 > 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
 05/02/2006 01:11 PM To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just received an update about Ms. Arnwine's schedule. She is not available on May 9th.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 05/05/2006 10:56 AM To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
@GSAEXTERNAL  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

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

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

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

**From:** 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 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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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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priceline.com

Tova Wang made a reservation on priceline.com. Here are the details of the trip.

### Hotel Details

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

cc

04/26/2006 09:19 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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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Are you available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
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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>



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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  
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Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To: psims@eac.gov

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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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@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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



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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:  
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> 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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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

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

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

Thanks!

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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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----

"Job Serebrov"

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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> 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 lose  
> 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:  
>  
>> 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 lose  
>> 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, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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: [REDACTED]  
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>  
> l  
>  
> 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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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[redacted]  
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

> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Literature Summary

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > 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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"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation



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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

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

From: 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

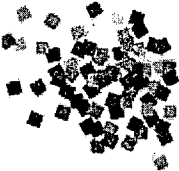
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

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 & Serebov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

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

Tova Wang



(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebov



Phone:

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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" [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

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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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✉ Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

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"

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

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

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> 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.

> --- 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

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > 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  
> > >  
> > > 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

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Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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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  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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"

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: new working group representative

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

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

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> 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:  
> >  
>  
<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  
> >  
> >  
> > 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/>>  
> > [www.tcf.org](http://www.tcf.org/), for the latest news,  
> > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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> > <<mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundsring.org>>  
> > Click here to receive our  
> > weekly e-mail updates.  
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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. Romig/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" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>  
> 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

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

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> 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

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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"

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?

Job

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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"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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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:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
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 Serebrov"

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.

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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 serebrov@sbcglobal.net, 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.

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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



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.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.

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

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

> > 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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> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan  
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> > 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



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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]

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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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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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"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.
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- > 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

> 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.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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

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> > 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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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
> >  
> > --- Tova Wang <[wang@tcf.org](mailto: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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> > > 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](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
> > > 202-662-8315  
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

[REDACTED]@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" [REDACTED]



"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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> psims@eac.gov

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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:

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> 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 psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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:** [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

Peggy:

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]  
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.

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

To eaccon@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 [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>

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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" [REDACTED]

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:

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

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> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

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

> Job?

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> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,

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> Happy Easter!

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

> this latest initiative,

> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

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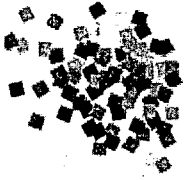
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Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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Thanks, again!

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  
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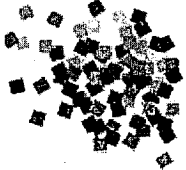
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
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04/21/2006 11:22 AM

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

cc

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Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
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04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject summaries of interviews 2

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----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 -----

"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  
>  
>  
>  
> wang@tcf.org  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
>

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<wang@tcf.org>  
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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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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

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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-----

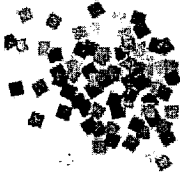
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

05/10/2006 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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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

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

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

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

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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 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.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

[REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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  
>  
>  
>  
>

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject list of interviewees

"Tova Wang"

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

05/05/2006 12:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

---

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

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**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>

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

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

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Latham [REDACTED]

One source suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Latham

The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Today's Teleconference

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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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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 will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Dinner

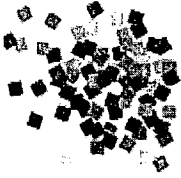
Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:12 AM -----



"Marvin Brokaw"

>

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

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

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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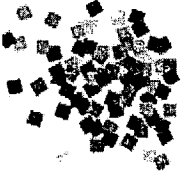
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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

>

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 "intimidationm"

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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: 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

"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).

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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL, Tova Andrea  
Wang  
cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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

cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serébrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

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Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

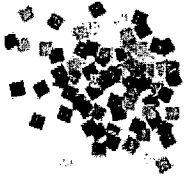
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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To [REDACTED] Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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Subject Re: Working Group

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> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
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> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
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> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
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> may want to contact him, too.  
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> 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:  
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> 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)  
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> mile  
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> 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  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
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> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
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To Craig Donsanto

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**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

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Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

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Registration fraud: 29

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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.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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.

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



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>  
05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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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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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:

We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:31 AM -----

**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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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  
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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. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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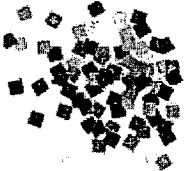
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group

Devon:

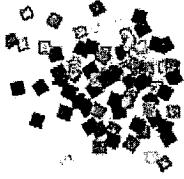
I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant:*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
>  
> 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.  
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> --- 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  
>> 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.  
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>> --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
>>  
>>> is Jon Greenbaum  
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>>> Here' s his info in full:  
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[http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum  
.htm](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)  
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>>> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
>> for  
>>> the Lawyers Committee  
>>> for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:

Title:

Entity for whom you work:

Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:

Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

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

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

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"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 lose money.

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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.  
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> > 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.

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> >  
> > 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  
> > 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

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

> 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?

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

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; 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  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.

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

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> > is Jon Greenbaum

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> > Here' s his info in full:

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<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> > 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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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> wang@tcf.org

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > 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

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> > 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

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> > 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

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 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?

> > Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> 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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> Re: new working group representative  
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> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
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> > >  
> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
> > >  
> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > > 202-662-8315  
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400

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> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

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

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

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

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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**

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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 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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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]

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Cc: [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: new working group representative

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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  
> [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
cc   
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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<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).

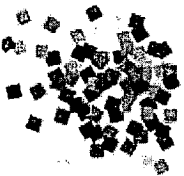
I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM To vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,  
[REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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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"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

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.

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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

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

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> 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.  
> > 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: [REDACTED]]

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> > 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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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

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

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

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

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**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  
 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
 Washington, D.C. 20005  
 (202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

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

that would be fine

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

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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


05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 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  
> > 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

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> > 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,

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> > 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

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 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?

> > Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

003501



Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:  
http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\_23.html.  
500 Fourth Street NW  
P.O. Box 2168  
Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
(505) 848-1800  
Fax: (505) 848-1891  
Asst: Carol Casstevens  
patrogers@modrall.com

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > 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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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > 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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- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

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

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

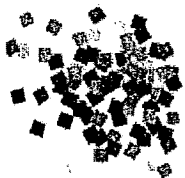
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[Redacted]

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc

>  
05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

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

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [Redacted]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"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

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

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

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

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

cc

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

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

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wang@tcf.org  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

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

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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Peggy

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

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

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

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
**Importance:** High

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20  
Vote buying: 49  
Double voting: 12  
Registration fraud: 13  
Civil Rights: 4  
Voter Intimidation: 2  
Unclear: 1

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3  
Vote buying: 25  
Double voting: 15  
Registration fraud: 29  
Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
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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  
**The Century Foundation**  
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phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/04/2006 02:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

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

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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wang@tcf.org

05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?  
>  
> J~  
>  
> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
>  
>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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

To psims@eac.gov

>  
05/11/2006 02:55 PM

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

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Let us know your desires ---

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
**Importance:** High

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

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



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

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.html>

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:

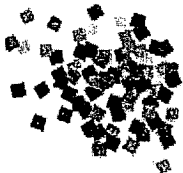
[jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!


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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"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:  
>  
> 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

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>  
> 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  
> 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 Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
>  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
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>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Update 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

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  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

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

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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


Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

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

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Democracy Fellow  
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wang@tcf.org

08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

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

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
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> wang@tcf.org  
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> 08/10/2006 08:34  
> PM  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> Hey Peg,  
>  
> Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change  
> the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.  
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> Tova  
>  
> PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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cc  
Subject direct deposit

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Tova

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

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

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
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Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100

----- Forwarded by Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV on 08/10/2006 04:25 PM -----



"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov  
>  
08/10/2006 12:29 PM

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject



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Cameron P. Quinn  
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
Washington DC 20530  
202-305-9750

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

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

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

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

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



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

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

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

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine



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

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

Thanks.

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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

Jeannie Layson  
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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

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To [REDACTED]  
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Subject Your inquiry

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

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

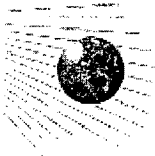
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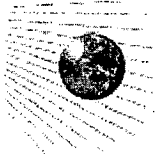
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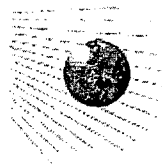
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Subject Speech

Peg,

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



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

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

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

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

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

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

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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

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To psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
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The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

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10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov  
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Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED] / 703 286-8106 (office) / [REDACTED] / 703 995-0325 (fax) /

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy




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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
Salon.com

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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website  
[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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

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

(1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;

(2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

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

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

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08/22/2006 02:44 PM

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

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on -

Ben - -

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

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

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

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

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

My point here is this:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To ""Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)""  
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cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
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Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 04:37 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 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

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

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

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject: Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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Subject: Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commission but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

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

From: Bryan Whitener

Sent: 09/22/2006 05:10 PM

To: Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour

Cc: Jeannie Layson

Subject: Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan


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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.

We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

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

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cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



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Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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To [REDACTED]

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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

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

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

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

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

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Thanks!

Peggy Sims  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/27/2006 09:13 AM

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

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

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

Craig:

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

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Peggy

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From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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.

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> with the 4th paragraph.  
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Donetta L.  
Davidson/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 03:57 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

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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  
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"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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



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Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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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> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

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04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----

**"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:  
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> 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.  
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> 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.  
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> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> 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 lose  
> money.  
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> 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:  
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> > 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]  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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.  
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> > Job  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > > 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.  
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> > > 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.  
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> > > 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:  
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> > > 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  
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> > > 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"  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

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

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05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
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]  
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"Tova Wang"

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

To "'Job Serebrov'" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, 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: [REDACTED]  
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  
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> Here' s his info in full:  
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> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
> l  
>  
> 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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> > 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" <jrperez50@sbcglobal.net>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez 

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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"J. R. Perez"  
<jrperez50@sbcglobal.net>  
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"  
<weinutr@verizon.net>  
05/05/2006 12:27 PM

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



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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [weinutr@verizon.net](mailto:weinutr@verizon.net)  
**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" <[weinutr@verizon.net](mailto:weinutr@verizon.net)>

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

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**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [weinutr@verizon.net](mailto:weinutr@verizon.net)  
**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"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
05/12/2006 02:52 PM

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

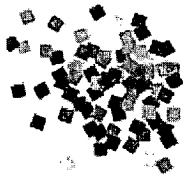
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

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



(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov



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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)

003116



**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]

00311

**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" [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

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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

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"  


To

003119



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

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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:

>

>> 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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>> 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  
> > >  
> > > 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

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Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
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" [Redacted]  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Update  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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.  
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> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

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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[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  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> fill  
> that position since I am one down.  
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> --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
>  
> > is Jon Greenbaum  
> >  
> > Here' s his info in full:  
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<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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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  
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Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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. Romig/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.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>  
> 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: [REDACTED]]  
> 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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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" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

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?

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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"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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[Redacted]

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.

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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 Serebrov"

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.

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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

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"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.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.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

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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY

> ELECTION COMMISSION.

> (a) The position of county elections

> administrator is filled by

> appointment of the county election commission, which

> consists of:

> (1) the county judge, as chair;

> (2) the county clerk, as vice

> chair;

> (3) the county tax

> assessor-collector, as secretary; and

> (4) the county chair of each

> political party that made

> nominations by primary election for the last general

> election for state

> and county officers preceding the date of the

> meeting at which the

> appointment is made.

> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of

> the commission's

> membership is necessary for the appointment of an

> administrator.

> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a

> written resolution or

> order signed by the number of commission members

> necessary to make the

> appointment. Not later than the third day after the

> date an administrator

> is appointed, the officer who presided at the

> meeting shall file a signed

> copy of the resolution or order with the county

> clerk. Not later than the

> third day after the date the copy is filed, the

> county clerk shall deliver

> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the

> secretary of state.

> (d) The initial appointment may be made at

> any time after the

> adoption of the order creating the position.

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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

> (a) A county elections administrator may

> not be a candidate for a

> public office or an office of a political party,

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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

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> 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" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

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> > 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:  
> >  
> > > 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.  
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> > 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

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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  
>  
=== message truncated ===

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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...

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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 

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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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
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

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



"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  
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> >  
> > "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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> > 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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> > >  
> > > 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  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

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" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

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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> > 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"  
[REDACTED]

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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05/09/2006 02:51 PM

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

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" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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:** [REDACTED]

**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

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[REDACTED]

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?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]

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,


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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.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To eaccon@eac.gov

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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

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Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV

04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To wang@tcf.org, serevrov@sbcglobal.net

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

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04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson

cc [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:

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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!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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

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[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

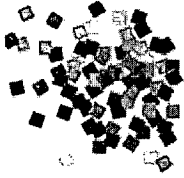
I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- 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  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Subject  
> donsanto again  
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>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
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04/21/2006 11:03 AM

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

cc

Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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<[SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov](mailto:SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov)>

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04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Thanks, again!

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/21/2006 11:09 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
cc  
Subject interview summaries 3

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04/19/2006 03:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject existing research summaries 2

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To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


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

Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV

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04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To sarahball.johnson@ky.gov  
cc  wang@tcf.org, ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

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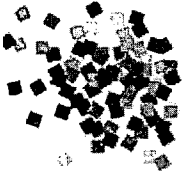
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> we had scheduled for  
> this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

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Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject case charts 2

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"Tova Wang"  
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 04/21/2006 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/21/2006 11:22 AM

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

cc

Subject methodology review

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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

cc

Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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cc

Subject job's case charts 1

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To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
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04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
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To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----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 -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
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>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject interview analysis

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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

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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-----

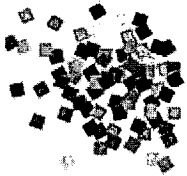
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



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 psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) ; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

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 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.

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Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

@GSAEXTERNAL

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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  
>  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov,

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject list of interviewees

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Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/05/2006 12:56 PM

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

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

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

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**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>

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

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

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

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



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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 will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- 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).  
>  
> 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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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

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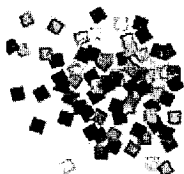
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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

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"Marvin Brokaw"

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05/09/2006 11:04 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

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

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

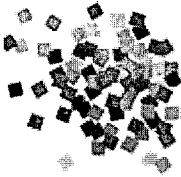
I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

Devon Romig  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<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 acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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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: 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

"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?

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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).

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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

cc

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.

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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

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

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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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: 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.

"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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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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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > >  
> > > 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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To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL, Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > 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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> > > 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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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
> > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/09/2006 11:45 AM

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

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:38 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Good News



I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

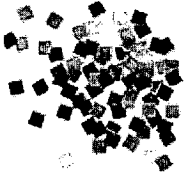
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To [REDACTED] Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

- 8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)
- 9th - Possible PM
- 16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)
- 17th - All day\*
- 18th - All day\*
- 19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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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

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  
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> 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  
> 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

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> 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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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?

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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.

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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  
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

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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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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

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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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-----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:

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Election Research Specialist  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:31 AM -----

**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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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

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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,

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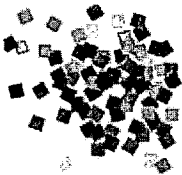
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

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  
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www.eac.gov

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

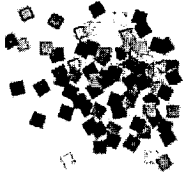
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

Devon Romig

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

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

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

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
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> 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.  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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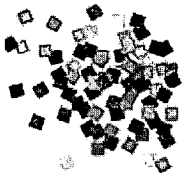
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, 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  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > cc  
> > serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
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> > that position since I am one down.  
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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> [http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)  
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> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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> Barbara  
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
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> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
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> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 09:32 AM

To [REDACTED]  
assistant@sos.in.gov,  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th, 2006

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C.. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday May 18th, 2006.

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

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

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

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"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 lose money.

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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  
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>  
> --- 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.

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> >  
> > 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  
> > 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 03:56 PM

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

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

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

> 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

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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  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> wang@tcf.org

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if

> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > 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

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> > 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

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> > 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

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 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?

> > Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative 

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> 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.

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> --- 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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>> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

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

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

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) ; [serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

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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  
> 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.

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> --- 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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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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<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).

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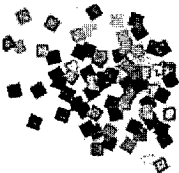
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,  
[REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on 05/18/06.

Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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

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"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

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.

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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

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

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> wrote:  
>  
> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >  
> > 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?  
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> >  
> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
> > 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: [REDACTED]]  
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> > Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM  
> > To: Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Subject: Working Group meeting  
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> > 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.  
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> > Regards,  
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> > Job  
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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

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

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

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

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**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,

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 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
 Washington, D.C. 20005  
 (202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

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

that would be fine

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation [REDACTED]

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



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05/04/2006 01:34 PM

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
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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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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/09/2006 11:35 AM

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

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 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:  
>  
> > 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

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> > 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,

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> > 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  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > 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"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).

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Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
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Fax: (505) 848-1891  
Asst: Carol Casstevens  
patrogers@modrall.com

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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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"Job Serebroy"

05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not  
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> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

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

**From:** Tova Wang  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

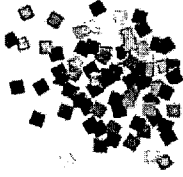


Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]  
>  
05/09/2006 11:04 AM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

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

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"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

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-----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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/02/2006 05:41 PM

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

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
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wang@tcf.org  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

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

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net) ; [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

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

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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

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Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

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**Importance:** High

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Unclear: 1

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

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Double voting: 15  
Registration fraud: 29  
Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
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"Tova Wang"  
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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?

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

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

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

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

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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wang@tcf.org

05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?

> J~  
>  
> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

>  
>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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Voter Intimidation: 2  
Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3  
Vote buying: 25  
Double voting: 15  
Registration fraud: 29  
Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14

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Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.html>

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](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
202-662-8315  
1401 New York Avenue, NW  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

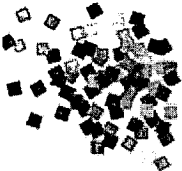
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

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Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig  
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202.566.3128 fax  
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OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group 

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

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"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:  
>  
> 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.  
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> 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

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> 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  
> 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.  
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> Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Latham  
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> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Update 

[REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

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  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

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

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

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

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wang@tcf.org

08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

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

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
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> wang@tcf.org  
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> 08/10/2006 08:34 PM  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Hey Peg,  
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> Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change  
> the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.  
>  
> Tova  
>  
> PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report


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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

08/11/2006 02:39 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: direct deposit 

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wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

08/10/2006 08:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject direct deposit

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Hey Peg,

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

Tova

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

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

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

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov>  
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To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>

08/10/2006 12:29 PM

cc  
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Tova Wang.doc

Cameron P. Quinn  
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Washington DC 20530  
202-305-9750

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

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

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

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

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arwine

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


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

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arwine 



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

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

Thanks.


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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

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

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

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

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To artslevine@yahoo.com

cc

Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,

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

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

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Interview Request 



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Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** Jeannie Layson  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Mr. Chairman,

Will Lester of the Associated Press wants to interview you briefly via phone about the preliminary fraud report. I recommend you accomodate him, as he has dutifully covered EAC, and plans to include us in a story next week about the election lanscape. He has requested a copy of the preliminary report, which I am sending to him. He only needs a few minutes, and as we discussed, i think the message is that these are preliminary findings that we presented to our advisory boards to get their input. When the final report is complete, we will release it. You can also use some of the talking pts from your speech, such as the challenge related to the very definition of the term "fraud," as people define it differently. How about I set it up for noon?

The only question he asked that I don't know the answer to is when we expect the final report. Peg... please weigh in on this.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 11:34 AM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM -----



"Wendy Weiser"

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<wendy.weiser@nyu.edu>  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject request for reports

Mr. Whitener,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser  
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Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law  
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New York, NY 10013  
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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM —

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Margaret Sims  
----- Original Message -----

**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Juliet Hodgkins; Bryan Whitener; Tamar Nedzar  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report


Just a note to clarify that we are not releasing the preliminary report on voting fraud and voter intimidation (Tova & Job's report) because the draft report is going through EAC review. The only document we can offer at this time is the status report on the research project, which was delivered to our boards and which apparently is considered public information. The status report does not address any recommendations for future EAC action.

I am using some of my work at home time on the draft report. Hopefully, I can meet with Julie and Tamar next week. After that, we will have a better idea of when it will be ready for a Commissioner briefing. ---  
Peggy

Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV



Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To: Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc: Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

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10/11/2006 01:03 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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

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Margaret Sims

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**From:** Margaret Sims

**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM

**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey

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**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Juliet Hodgkins; Bryan Whitener; Tamar Nedzar  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Just a note to clarify that we are not releasing the preliminary report on voting fraud and voter intimidation (Tova & Job's report) because the draft report is going through EAC review. The only document we can offer at this time is the status report on the research project, which was delivered to our boards and which apparently is considered public information. The status report does not address any recommendations for future EAC action.

I am using some of my work at home time on the draft report. Hopefully, I can meet with Julie and Tamar next week. After that, we will have a better idea of when it will be ready for a Commissioner briefing. ---  
Peggy

Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV




Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Subject Speech

Peg,

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



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

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

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

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Tom,

Thanks but Wendy Weiser seems to be under the assumption that we provided all of this material to USA Today. As agreed to by the commissioners, counsel and staff, we only provided USA Today with the public documents that were presented to the advisory boards at the May meetings. Should we not clarify this to Wendy and provide her or anyone else with the same. I also just received the same request from election officials in Cook County, IL and King County, WA. Reporters are pestering them for information based on the USA Today article so election officials now want it from EAC. Looks like this is only the start so we need to get ahead of the curve.

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

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

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

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

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

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

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

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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

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Subject: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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

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bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc:

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy


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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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Subject Re: Funding 

Peggy,  
Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova and Job are hoping mad  
Thanks

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 10/13/2006 01:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

FYI.

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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED] / 703 286-8106 (office) [REDACTED] 703 995-0325 (fax) /

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To Bryan Whitener  
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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study


Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc  
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I will IF they sign off on it

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
Salon.com

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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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Also,

### Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our [Fed. Register notice](#) that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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

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

Ben - -

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

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

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

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

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

My point here is this:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

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

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

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"Tova Wang"  
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10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
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Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

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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 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

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

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

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS: Thousands of voters shut out**

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioers but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

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

**From:** Bryan Whitener  
**Sent:** 09/22/2006 05:10 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour  
**Cc:** Jeannie Layson  
**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan


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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.

We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

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

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, twilkey@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
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To 

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cc  
Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.


This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
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deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

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Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

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Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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10/13/2006 04:18 PM

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Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.

--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

cc

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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 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.

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/26/2006 12:50 PM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:36 PM

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

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:39 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc

Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Director  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
tel:202-566-3123

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

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

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject  
FW: methodology

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

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]

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

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs

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> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
> 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/>>  
> [www.tcf.org](http://www.tcf.org), for the latest news,  
> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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> \_\_\_\_\_  
> <<mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
Subject RE: final report

appendices attached, except Peg I think you put together the list of the working group members? In any case, I can't find one at the moment, but it would be easy enough to put together. Perhaps even Devon or someone could do that, especially since I don't think I have any hours left, and probably shouldn't even be writing this email. I don't remember the conversation about adding to the list of interviewees, but we can talk about that later.

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: final report

Thanks. I probably won't be able to start getting into this until tomorrow AM. I noticed that the appendices weren't attached. I think we discussed earlier that the list of interviewees needed to

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have more information for the final report, and the list of books and documents should be presented in the same manner as a bibliography for the final report. We can talk more about this tonight during our teleconference at 7 PM EST. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
Subject final report

Hi Peg,

Attached please find **drafts** of the sections for the final report. Job, **please** double check I'm not missing anything or sent the wrong version of anything. I'm very concerned I may have. Is there a summary of the case review that I should have? Also, as we discussed, the attached does not include all of the individual summaries and charts which we already gave you for the working group and which have not changed. Peg, we'll want to see the complete set of the materials you plan to give to the commissioners, et.al., before you do so. If you could both let me know if all the formatting is OK, that would be great too. Thanks so much and look forward to talking to you at 7 EST.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

I received your faxed voucher today, signed it, and gave it to Finance. --- Peggy  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/17/2006 12:25 PM

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

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

Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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

Subject RE: final report

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: final report

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> 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.

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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

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> 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?

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

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

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>

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

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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"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

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  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
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> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
>  
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> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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> <<mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/11/2006 02:12 PM

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

It might be an Apple issue

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto: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

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



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden [REDACTED] problems. If it is a [REDACTED], the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> Hope your [REDACTED]'s surgery goes well.  
>  
> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace  
> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Re: Good News  
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>  
> I will have a better idea about my [REDACTED]'s condition  
> today after surgery.  
>  
> See:  
> [http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).  
> 500 Fourth Street NW  
> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> (505) 848-1800  
> Fax: (505) 848-1891  
> Asst: Carol Casstevens  
> patrogers@modrall.com  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > 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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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/05/2006 12:09 PM

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

Okay, Peg - - thank you. I will be there.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 9:16 AM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**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 on of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_committee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_committee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

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

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

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

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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 acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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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: 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

"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?

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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

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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

cc

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.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig

00331<sup>PT</sup>

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

cc

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

-----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

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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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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.

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.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

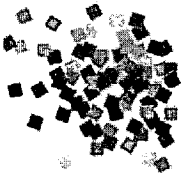
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

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To dromig@eac.gov

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Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

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?

Job

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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

Subject Re: Working Group Travel 

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

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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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"Job Serebrov"

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 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

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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 [REDACTED]---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 [REDACTED] 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.  
> 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

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> 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  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> 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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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> 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 lose  
> money.  
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>  
> 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  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > 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  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle [REDACTED] before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my [REDACTED] dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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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.  
>  
> > 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  
> > >  
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> > >  
> > > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> > >  
> > > To  
> > > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> > > 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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 > > > > 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](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
 > > > > 202-662-8315  
 > > > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
 > > > > Suite 400  
 > > > > Washington, DC 20005  
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 > > > > Tova Andrea Wang  
 > > > > Democracy Fellow  
 > > > > The Century Foundation  
 > > > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
 > > > > phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
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Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.


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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:26 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [ggilmour@eac.gov](mailto:ggilmour@eac.gov), [jthompson@eac.gov](mailto:jthompson@eac.gov), [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 04:14 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.


This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

— Forwarded by Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV on 10/12/2006 04:06 PM —  
Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
Salon.com

  
202.248.9320

deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?

If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/27/2006 12:36 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants [PDF]

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

Paul DeGregorio  
Chairman  
US Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/27/2006 12:18 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov

cc

Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 02:03 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov

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klyndyson@eac.gov

Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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To twilkey@eac.gov

cc klynndyson@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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10/13/2006 04:18 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [twilkey@eac.gov](mailto:twilkey@eac.gov)

Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.  
--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

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Subject Re: Don't Believe Everything You Read

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

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09/26/2006 12:50 PM

To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:36 PM

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

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:39 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2007 05:24 PM

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Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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04/26/2007 05:14 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/26/2007 04:45 PM

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

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Subject tova

See her [press release](#) (third item).

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV  
03/09/2007 02:47 PM

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



"Dan Seligson"

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>

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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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Subject Re: [Image]

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; [REDACTED]

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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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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

Election Research Specialist

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04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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

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04/13/2007 12:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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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believe you can find it at the following link:

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

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04/17/2007 01:27 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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Subject Re: Need emails

Julie:

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10/13/2006 03:26 PM

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
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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04/18/2007 05:40 PM

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

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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.

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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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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:

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2. Exactly what did we change and why?

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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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Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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In the meantime, I'm revisiting some drafts received on the Vote Count-Recsunt best practices to see if I can encourage more improvements before submission of the final. We're still waiting for the state-by-state summary of practices, originally delayed by the subcontractor's nonperformance, which could affect goes into the best practices. I think some of the emphasis I see in the drafts on post election audits and proper recordkeeping will help respond to some of the issues raised in the literature review for the voting fraud-voter intimidation study.

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11/06/2006 05:18 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review

Peggy,

I wanted to let you know that I had a chance to review your summaries today. I think that these are some excellent conclusions that we can definitely use in our report. Thank you for doing such a detailed and thorough job. If tomorrow goes quietly, hopefully I will have some time to write.

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: VF\_VI Literature Review

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Julie:

I have not received the outline, but went ahead with reviewing the literature researched. Attached are my perspectives on what we learned and a listing of the literature with portions of the analysis for each. Both of these documents are on the shared drive under T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Research Summaries. Hope these help. Let me know what else you need from me. --- Peggy



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11/03/2006 06:41 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject: Re: Job and Tova

I appreciate it. I will send you a copy of the outline that I am working from. It is somewhat subject to change as I am still trying to gel in my mind what goes first, second ....

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 11/03/2006 06:38 PM  
**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
**Subject:** Re: Job and Tova

I can review them over the weekend and attempt to summarize what they tell us.--- Peggy

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**From:** Juliet E. Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 11/03/2006 06:14 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Job and Tova

I think we should use the content of those articles or some summary of them as a background of what we know about VF and VI. I just didn't want to have to read all of those articles to be able to make some generalized statements about their contents.

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**From:** Margaret Sims  
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**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
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Julie:

All of the summaries received are in the shared drawer under T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION\Research Summaries. There are too many of them to append to this message, or I would do it. The researchers did not propose to include these summaries in the report. Are you considering adding them?

If you want, I can cross reference each of these with the list of articles and ID any missing summaries. I could do that over the weekend. --- Peggy

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Subject: Job and Tova

I spoke to Job about the documents that I need. He will send me his summary of the articles/books that he read. However, he said that Tova also summarized some of those articles/books. I don't have a contact number/email for Tova. Could you contact her and ask her to provide us with any summary of the articles/books that she read as they are listed in Appendix 2?

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cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Fw: please investigate

Hi-

Is this the kind of thing I should be passing on to you or Gavin?

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Thanks

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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name [REDACTED]". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

For the other call (from this morning) the information on my caller ID was "Amer Voice Retr 206-706-2650". When I dialed that number I got a recording which identified them as "People for Washington State Democrats... authorized by Kl 2006."

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.



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OK, I will get started on the interview summaries today.

DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

**Attend the Department of Justice's Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium.** The consultants also believe it would be useful for any further activity in this area to include attendance at the next Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Symposium. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. According to the Department, DEOs are required to attend annual training conferences centered on combating election fraud and voting rights abuses. These conferences sponsored by the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division and the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, feature presentations by civil rights officials and senior prosecutors from the Public Integrity Section and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

Footnote:

By attending the symposium researchers could learn more about the following:

How *DEOs* are trained, e.g. what they are taught to focus their resources on; How they are instructed to respond to various types of complaints; How information about previous elections and voting issues is presented; and, How the Voting Rights Act, the criminal laws governing election fraud and intimidation, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act are described and explained to participants.

DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Thanks. Currently, on the phone with Job. Ugh!!!!

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



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I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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11/17/2006 04:05 PM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
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Thanks so much for all of your help. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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Margaret Sims  
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**From:** Margaret Sims  
**Sent:** 11/17/2006 02:54 PM  
**To:** Juliet Hodgkins  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

I'll need to refresh my memory. I'll take a look at them one more time and get back to you. Hope you enjoy your time out of the office, and have a happy turkey day. --- Peggy

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Thanks for your comments.

Last night, I took the case charts and assembled into one 200 -page document. So, that is compiled. I have also amended to include Job and Tova's bios as appendix "1". I have established both your summaries and theirs into alternative appendixes and will talk to the commissioners about that. One question that I have is whether we would need to go through and "clean up" their summaries? I have compiled them into a single document (that is one for interviews and one for literature). Other than the

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DOJ issue, are there any other "problems" that you recall?

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Subject Re: My Thoughts --PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION 

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Subject Revised - Draft -- Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Please review ASAP - Fw: Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Then I need to get commishes to okay.

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cc jlayson@eac.gov  
Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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Subject VF-VI Research Contacts

Bryan:

The two consultants were:

- Tova Wang (wang@tcf.org)
- Job Serebrov [REDACTED]

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

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## EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud research that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
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### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Subject People For

I know that People For the American Way delivered petitions to EAC about release of the Fraud report but I need to know what other communications EAC has had with People For about the study.

Was it represented on the study's working group? If so, by whom? Did they write to us and did we answer? Did anybody from there talk with anybody at EAC about the study and our work? Thanks.

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Commissioner Hillman:

PFAW was not represented on the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Also, I have had no communications with the organization about the study. I did work with

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Jeannie and Gavin on a response to PFAW's FOIA request for the study. Jeannie should have the final copy of that reply.

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Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-

I did not have any interaction with this group.

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To Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: People For 

Commissioner Hillman:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

Gracia  
Hillman/EAC/GOV

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12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

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Thanks,

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01/26/2007 11:54 AM


To: klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

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02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>


cc

Subject 1099



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

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

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

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

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Please do ask him. Thanks

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

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

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

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

---Peggy

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

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

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

Peggy,

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

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

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

Thanks! --- Peggy

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



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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

Hi Peg,

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

Thanks,

Tony

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:**

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

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

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## Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

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

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

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

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

cc

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

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

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

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

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Helen Jamison

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

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

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

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

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

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

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

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

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

cc

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

Tony:

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

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



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

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

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

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

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

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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

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

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

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

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

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

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

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

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

>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <[nmortellito@eac.gov](mailto:nmortellito@eac.gov)>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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

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

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If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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

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

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

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

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

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

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

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am [REDACTED]

Regards,

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04/09/2006 11:15 PM

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

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

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

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

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

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

Barry

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [Redacted]

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

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

Hi, Barry:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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

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

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

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

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

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

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

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

<wang@tcf.org>

"Tova Wang"

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

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

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"Job Serebrov"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

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

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy  
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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

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

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

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

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To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

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

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- 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)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

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



Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

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

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

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

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

Thanks!

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

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

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

Tova Andrea Wang

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

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

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

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

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

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

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To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
>

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

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wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

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

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

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

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

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

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

Tony:

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

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

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

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

cc

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

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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

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

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

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

Thanks,

*Tony*

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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

**Background**

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

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

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

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

cc

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

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Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

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

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

Dear Tony,

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

Helen Jamison

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

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

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

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

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

Helen, Javier,

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

Thanks,

*Tony*

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

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

Tony:

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

**Background**

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

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

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

**Preliminary EAC Research**

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 05:45 PM

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

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks: I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

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



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

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regretablely not public at present.

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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 Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

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

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it out in a couple months.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireleess Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled "July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

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

Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job ([serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)) and Tova ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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

04/06/2006 05:05 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info



That time is fine for me. Thanks.

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

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**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net) ; [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<[Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us](mailto:Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us)>

04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "'psims@eac.gov'" <[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

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

From: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [[Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us](mailto:Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us)]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Interview

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

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meeting.

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

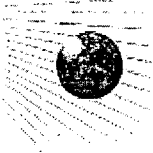
Kevin:

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


Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running 



all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc   
Subject Re: doj training materials 

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

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

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

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

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

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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1225 New York Ave Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang  
cc  
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 ---



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
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:

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?

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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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> Subject  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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To "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

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

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

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

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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

> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

> Peg - -

> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 04/17/2006 10:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

Peggy:

This is incorrect. Our project ends May 31. This month's invoice is due on April 21 and is invoice number 3. Invoice number 4 is due at the end of May.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:



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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,  
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> Happy Easter!  
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> 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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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

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

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

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

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

Tony:

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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email: psims@eac.gov

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wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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

Subject donsanto again

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"Tony J. Sirvella III"

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

Good Afternoon Peg,

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

*Tony*

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

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

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

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

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

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [[tjsthree@msn.com](mailto:tjsthree@msn.com)]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Perez

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

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

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

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

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 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:

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

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
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> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
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> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
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> > county had over 65  
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> > 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.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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>> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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>> psims@eac.gov  
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>> Re: Working Group  
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>> Peggy:  
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>> What political party is Perez with? How political  
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>> Who  
>> appointed Perez?  
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>> As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
>> anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
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>> off Tova's list?  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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  
> 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

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

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



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

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

Barry

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

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

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

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

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

Barry:

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

Peggy:

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

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

Peggy:

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

Barry

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

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

**To:** [REDACTED]

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

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

Hi, Barry:

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

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

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

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
- > got to pick three
- > members of the Working Group. The Commission
- > guidance regarding this
- > particular member follows:
- >
- > 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.
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- > As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
- > for Norcross. If
- > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
- > includes public
- > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
- > not try and stir up
- > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
- > The effort is likely
- > to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
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> 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.  
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> --- 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]  
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> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> > > Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > >  
> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
> > >  
> > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > > 202-662-8315  
> > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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> > >  
> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
> > > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> > > phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
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> > > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.tcf.org/>>  
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05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

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

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

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

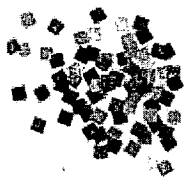
Peggy:

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?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: wang  
> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: research summary

>  
> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include  
> so as I said I'll just  
> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~  
> >  
> > Are you talking about this?  
> >  
> > J~

> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> >  
> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
> >> existing literature review (that Job, you  
> >> approved)  
> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
> >> into the office over the weekend, which is  
> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,  
> >> I'll  
> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

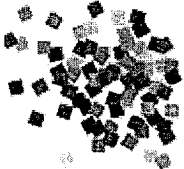
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

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

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

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

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

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

Thanks!

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



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

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wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

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

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

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

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

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

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

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

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the

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requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

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**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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"Donsanto, Craig"

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To psims@eac.gov

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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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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

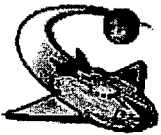
Subject Re: Tent Cards 

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



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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

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

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Tent Cards

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

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

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

Ms. Voris' message follows:

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

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

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:17 PM

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

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

Subject Re: press interview

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

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

**Tova Andrea Wang**

Democracy Fellow

**The Century Foundation**

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To psims@eac.gov

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

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

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.

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**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

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:

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

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

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

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

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED]  
<bginsberg@pattonboggs.com>; mhearne@lathropgage.com  
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vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;

dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;

bschuler@lathropgage.com [REDACTED]: Donsanto, Craig

<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 09:25 AM

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

Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Question

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

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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

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

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

> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question

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> Peg:  
>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
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The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

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05/24/2006 04:50 PM To psims@eac.gov  
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Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: presentation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks Peg. Tova

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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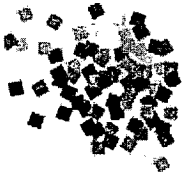
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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

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Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last 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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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
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Craig:

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

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

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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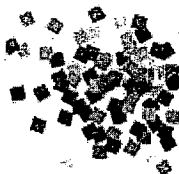
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To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

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

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To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Monday Teleconference

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

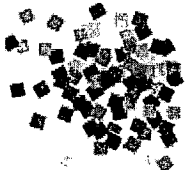
#### Recommendations for Future Research

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

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
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- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
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Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

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Subject Re: Payment Vouchers



How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I signed and submitted your personal services  
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> morning. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I signed and submitted your personal services  
> payment vouchers this  
> morning. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Payment Vouchers


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

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


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

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

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 02:48 PM

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

Elle:

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

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

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Elleen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject working group

Peggy,

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

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

Thanks!

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don't have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

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

Peggy --

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

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov <assistant@sos.in.gov>;

CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;

vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED] Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

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

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

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



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

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

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards 

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

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



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" 

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

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

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

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

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

Peg --

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

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

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

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

Ms. Voris' message follows:

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

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld


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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation 

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

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Craig:

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

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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

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.

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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 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

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

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

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

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see [http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/content/view.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/content/view.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on your odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
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<wang@tcf.org>  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

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

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

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

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

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

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

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

cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: 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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Peg --

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

I have only one correction:

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

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

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

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

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Subject Corrections

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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:** [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

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05/16/2006 11:13 AM

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



"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Question

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

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> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
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> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov  
> > Subject: Question  
> >  
> > Peg:  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

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cc dromig@eac.gov  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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?

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

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject board of advisers presentation

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Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy

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

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

> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member

> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.

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

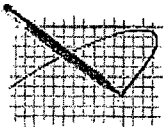
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

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Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

Laiza N. Otero

Research Associate

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-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM

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

Subject: working group

Peggy,

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

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

Thanks!

Elle

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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



VF-VI Project Presentation.ppt

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

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED]  
assistant@sos.in.gov, krogers@sos.state.ga.us,

[REDACTED]  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org, [REDACTED]

wang@tcf.org

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

Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

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Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

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

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

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

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

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: voucher

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

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

From: psims@eac.gov

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

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

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

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
- Academic statistical research
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
- Research State district court actions
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
- Explore the concept of election courts
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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

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



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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

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

I have only one correction:

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

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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

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

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**To:** wang@tcf.org

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05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

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

cc

Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> 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  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

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

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

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Question

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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-----

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

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

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

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United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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.

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-----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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]  
**Sent:** 05/15/2006 09:07 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Devon Romig  
**Subject:** I'm sorry

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"Donsanto, Craig"

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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

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com  
<bginsberg@pattonboggs.com>; mhearne@lathropgage.com  
<mhearne@lathropgage.com>; [REDACTED] <jrperez50@sbcglobal.net>;  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
vjohanson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohanson@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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05/16/2006 08:43 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## 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.

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



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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To psims@eac.gov

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

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."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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

Regards,

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05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

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

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05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

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



"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!

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**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

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

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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

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**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

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

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

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**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  
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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

003762

Peg --

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

I have only one correction:

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

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

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

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

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

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Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

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

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

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

003764

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To psims@eac.gov

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

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

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

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

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

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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: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

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

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

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

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

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

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

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**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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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.

**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

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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>

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Tpsims@eac.gov

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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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**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

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

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Topsims@eac.gov  
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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>

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Topsims@eac.gov  
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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

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

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

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

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

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

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

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

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

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Craig;

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

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Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

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To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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**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.

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

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

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

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Craig:

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

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

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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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

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

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

I have only one correction:

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

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

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

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

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

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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

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

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

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

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

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

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

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

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

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

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



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

05/19/2006 03:17 PM

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

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

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

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

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Sounds good. Thanks.

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

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

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

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

wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

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

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

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

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,  
[REDACTED]

To

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

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

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

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

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

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

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

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tova:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.

> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.

>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.

>  
> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -

>  
> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

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> > Craig,  
> >  
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> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> > on  
> > the CF&BF  
> > Initiative:  
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> > Michael

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> > SSA Michael B. Elliott  
> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit  
> > FBIHQ, Room 3975  
> > 202-324-4687 (Office)

> > [REDACTED]

>  
>  
> > Craig C. Donsanto  
> > cdonsanto@yahoo.com

Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

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

05/31/2006 01:50 PM

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

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

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

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

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

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

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

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

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

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

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

cc

Subject notes

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Hi Peg,

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

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05/31/2006 01:30 PM

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

cc 

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



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

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

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

cc

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Subject notes



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

06/02/2006 04:50 PM

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

cc

Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

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

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

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

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

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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

Tova

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/08/2006 09:35 AM

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

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

wang@tcf.org



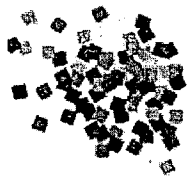
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM

To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

>

> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

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> 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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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the

> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
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> >  
> > wang@tcf.org  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
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<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[@GSAEXTERNAL](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later [REDACTED]

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How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

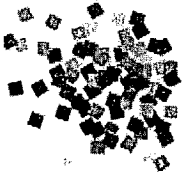
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

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  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrebrov

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office) \  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:45 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: travel 

Got It! You should receive a total travel reimbursement of \$1,533.02 for that trip. (I could not include the internet service fee the hotel charged, but everything else counted.) --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Perfect. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/05/2006 04:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc  
Subject

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

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If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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06/13/2006 10:07 AM  
To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Transcripts, Etc.

I can't do that time, I'll be at an event in DC.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 8:10 AM

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To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts

[REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

"Job Serebrov"

06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference



Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we

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> could talk then?  
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> 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.  
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wang@tcf.org

06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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>> >> Hi Job,

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
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> > To: <wang@tcf.org>

> > Cc: [REDACTED]

> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM

> > Subject: Re:

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06/08/2006 09:15 To

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

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 >> really can't do it before then because of other  
 > commitments. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov

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cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy:

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> I can't predict when I get home but it is between  
> 5:30  
> and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late  
> to  
> have a teleconference.

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> I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend  
> and work on my own as well as expanding the  
> explanation of the case section.

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> Please see what your financial officer did with  
> regards to my travel.

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> Thank you,

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> Job

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>>> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
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>>> psims@eac.gov  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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wang@tcf.org

06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7

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> Job

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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm

>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 01:24 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>@GSAEXTERNAL

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Subject Re: voucher 

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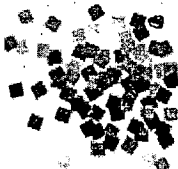
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [redacted] wang@tcf.org

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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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](http://www.eac.gov)

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"

[redacted]  
06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
 > I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
 > next week good for you  
 > two?  
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wang@tcf.org  
 06/22/2006 10:29 AM  
 To psims@eac.gov  
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 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 06/19/2006 12:19 PM  
 To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [icon]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org  
 To "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, psims@eac.gov



06/15/2006 03:30 PM

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Subject Re: teleconference

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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To: wang@tcf.org; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"

> <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM

> Subject: Re: Teleconference

>

>

> > It will need to be early next week. What news of

> the

> transcript?

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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> >> I am sorry, but I have to postpone the

> >> teleconference originally scheduled

> >> for this evening. Is another day this week or

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> >> next week good for you

> >> two?

> >> Peggy

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> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To: Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc: Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.

Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: Fw: The 7th Edition!

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To bwhitener@eac.gov

>  
06/13/2006 08:04 PM

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/21/2006 12:25 PM

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Andrea  
Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM  
To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: nexis

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: <wang@tcf.org>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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> > That would be great on the contract.  
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> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
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> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> > and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> > other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> > contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> > we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> >>  
> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
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> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
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> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> > We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> > (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg




EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 


Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"   
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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brennan machine report.pdf

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

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> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various  
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> > Job  
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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.

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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



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



Chart.ProvisionalBallotDen.doc



Chart.ProvisionalBallotDen2.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

"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.  
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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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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:  
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> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

> > 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  
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> > > 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.)  
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> > > familiar with voting fraud  
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that  
> State.  
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> > > years experience as a county Election  
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> > > find many news articles mentioning him because  
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> > > 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...

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



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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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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]

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--- Peggy



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"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?

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote: .

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 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.  
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> --- 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  
> > 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:  
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> > > 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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> > > 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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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

> cc

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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"  
[REDACTED]

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 [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" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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:** [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 [REDACTED]

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.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eaccon@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 [REDACTED]@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>  
04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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?

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> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> 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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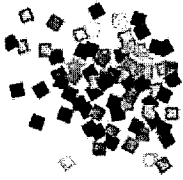
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Rivers@BlankRome.com

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"  
<SarahBall.Johnson@ky.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

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Peggy

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<wang@tcf.org>  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
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cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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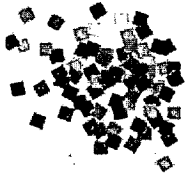
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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"Tova Wang"  
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 04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject case charts 2

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject methodology review

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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cc

Subject job's case charts 1

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04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject summaries of interviews 2

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04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----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 -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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

>

> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
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>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm  
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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject interview analysis

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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

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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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

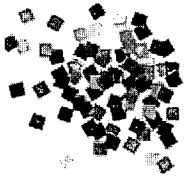
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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

05/10/2006 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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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) ; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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 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.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts 

@GSAEXTERNAL

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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  
>  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov,

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject list of interviewees

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

To psims@eac.gov

>  
05/05/2006 12:56 PM

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

---

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**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>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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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  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" 

"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Latham

The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

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



Agenda 5-18-06 Mitg-draft.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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 will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- 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).  
>  
> 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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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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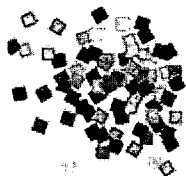
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

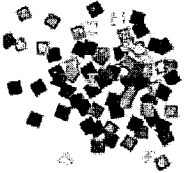
I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

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Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**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  
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Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Good News



I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

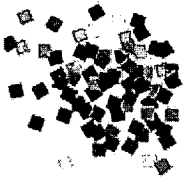
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

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Subject Re: Working Group

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.  
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> 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.  
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> 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:  
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> 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  
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> 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  
> 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.  
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> 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,  
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> 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  
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To Craig Donsanto

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**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

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Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov  
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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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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. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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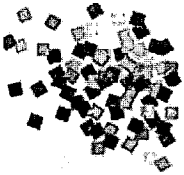
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

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  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

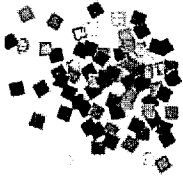
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

Devon Romig

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
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> 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.  
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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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> Re: new working group representative  
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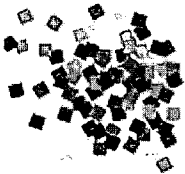
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, 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  
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> > 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  
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> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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[http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum  
.htm](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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> 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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 > > > Tova Andrea Wang  
 > > > Democracy Fellow  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
 05/09/2006 09:32 AM  
 To bschuler@lathropgage.com, mhearne@lathropgage.com,  
 jrperez50@sbcglobal.net, assistant@sos.in.gov,  
 krogers@sos.state.ga.us  
 cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
 Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th,  
 2006

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C.. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday May 18th, 2006.

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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

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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
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 lose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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.

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> >  
> > 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  
> > 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> 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: [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  
> 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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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
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> > the Lawyers Committee  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> wang@tcf.org

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if

> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 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

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> > 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

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> > 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

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 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?

> > Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

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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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> 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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> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
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> > > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > > >  
> > > > His contact and mailing info is:  
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> > > > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org  
> > > > 202-662-8315  
> > > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW  
> > > > Suite 400

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> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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wang@tcf.org  
05/05/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [redacted]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang@tcf.org ; [redacted]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group

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

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### 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 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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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

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Subject Re: new working group representative

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

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"Tova Wang"

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<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  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,  
dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,  
[redacted]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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"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

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.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> wrote:  
>  
> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >  
> > 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.  
> > P.O. Box 2168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
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> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
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> > 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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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
 cc psims@eac.gov  
 Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**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  
 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
 Washington, D.C. 20005  
 (202)566-2377

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

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Peggy Sims  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To: "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation [icon]

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To: psims@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Fraud Definition

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM [REDACTED]

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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  
> > 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

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> > 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,

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> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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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> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).

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(505) 848-1800

Fax: (505) 848-1891

Asst: Carol Casstevens

patrogers@modrall.com

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > 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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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > 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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- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

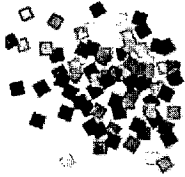


Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:12 AM -----



"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To dromig@eac.gov

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cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"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

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-----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

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
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

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
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wang@tcf.org  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
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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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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/04/2006 02:23 PM -----

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05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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wang@tcf.org

05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?  
>  
> J~  
>  
> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
>  
>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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05/11/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.html>

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](mailto:jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org)  
202-662-8315  
1401 New York Avenue, NW  
Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20005

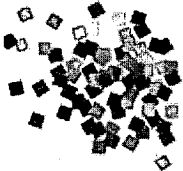
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

00397

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.


Thanks for your help!

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



OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group 

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

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"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:  
>  
> 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

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>  
> 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  
> 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 Serebrov"

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Latham  
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>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Update 

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

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  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [mailto:wang@tcf.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
 Thanks

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wang@tcf.org  
 08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: direct deposit


I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.  
 ----- Original Message -----  
 From: <psims@eac.gov>  
 To: <wang@tcf.org>  
 Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM  
 Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
 > Tova:  
 >  
 > I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
 > form you requested. --- Peggy  
 >  
 > (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
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> wang@tcf.org  
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> 08/10/2006 08:34 PM  
> psims@eac.gov  
> To  
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> Hey Peg,  
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> Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change  
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> Tova  
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> PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John TAnner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov>  
>  
08/10/2006 12:29 PM

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>  
cc  
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Cameron P. Quinn  
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
Washington DC 20530  
202-305-9750

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klynndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM -----

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,  
Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

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Subject Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

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"Wendy Weiser"

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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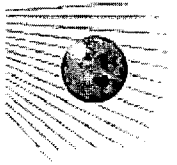
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV

09/28/2006 11:27 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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08/22/2006 02:09 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To: psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
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Subject: Does EAC have access to stats on --


-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

**Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV**

10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc:  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

10/10/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions pleased contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

James Carrera / KPMG LLP / [REDACTED] / 703 286-8106 (office) / [REDACTED] / 703 995-0325 (fax) /

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To Bryan Whitener

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc ggilmour@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I will IF they sign off on it

004002

Thomas R. Wilkey  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 04:20 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Brennan Center letter [Link](#)

Who is signing the letter?

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To twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

004003

10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
Salon.com

  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?  
Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?  
If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

Art Levine  
Senior Fellow  
Progressive Poliy Institute  
3003 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. W-516  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(202) 248-9320  


Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

004004



Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 10:59 AM

To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

cc

Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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10/12/2006 05:26 PM

To ghillman@eac.gov, pdegregorio@eac.gov,  
ddavidson@eac.gov

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
psims@eac.gov, klynndyson@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

004005

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

00400E

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]  
04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

004007

## Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

004008

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:tjsthree@msn.com]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

004009

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2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

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Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

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4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

004010

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Tony

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*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

004011

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

004015

As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [icon]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc

"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up 

You are set for the 12th at 11am 

Regards,

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Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

00401E

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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004010



That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

004017

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

004018

To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info 

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> corrections that should  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
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> him to assess the  
> level of public attribution that would be  
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> ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldnâ€™t  
> disclose.  
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> Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP,  
> so that I can forward  
> it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me  
> with a prompt  
> response, which I will forward to you.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy  
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- 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)].

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

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Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:  
>

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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----


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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the working group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.  
Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group


Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:**   
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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#### Background

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
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Tony

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*Tony*

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To "Donsanto, Craig"

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cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regrettably not public at present.

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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 Apr 05 17:26:12 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it out in a couple months.

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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 Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled "July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

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04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job ([serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)) and Tova ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info



That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:


I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running 



all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc   
Subject Re: doj training materials 

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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1225 New York Ave Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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 -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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:

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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> wang@tcf.org  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?

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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc  
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> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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> this week. Is this the last interview that you were  
> able to arrange?

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> 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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Tova and Job:

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--- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39  
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psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

donsanto again

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject donsanto again

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [tjsthree@msn.com]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> wang@tcf.org  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > 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  
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> > history of voting  
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> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
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> > 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  
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> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > Re: Working Group  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Literature Summary



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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]  
04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims  
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)  
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email: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---  
Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"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  
> 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  
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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  
> > [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  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
> >  
> > > 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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> > > 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  
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> > > Visit our Web site, <http://www.tcf.org/>  
> > > www.tcf.org, for the latest news,  
> > > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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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



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

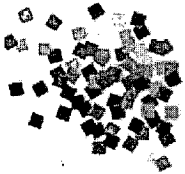
Peggy:

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?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@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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**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>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.  
> Peggy

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Cc: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Subject: Fw: research summary

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> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include  
> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> To: <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > Are you talking about this?

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> > J~

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> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

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> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that

> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the

> >> existing literature review (that Job, you

> >> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go

> >> into the office over the weekend, which is

> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,

> >> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to

> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

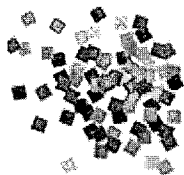
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

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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>



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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto: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

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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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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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 concerns is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**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

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went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**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

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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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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




**Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV**

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: press interview 

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

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.

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**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

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:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; weinutr@verizon.net <weinutr@verizon.net>  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED], Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To: Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Would you please refresh my memory about the date
- > ranges used for the
- > Nexis article research and the case law research?
- > I'm drawing a blank and
- > I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this
- > mornings Commissioner
- > briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
- > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
- > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
- > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
- > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
- > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
- > at the office (this afternoon).

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]

> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Subject: Question

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> Peg:  
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> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
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> Job  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: presentation 

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day?  
Thanks. Tova

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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject working group

Peggy,

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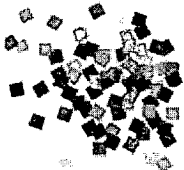
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Thanks!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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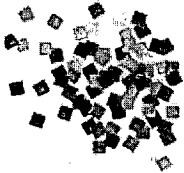
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:28 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group 

I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.


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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/17/2006 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last 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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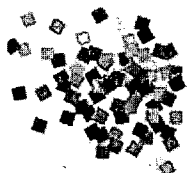
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To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com, [REDACTED]  
Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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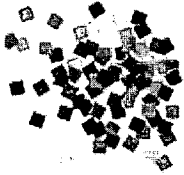
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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

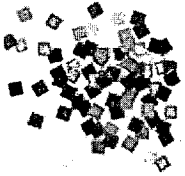
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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
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- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

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@GSAEXTERNAL

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

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Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

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Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy




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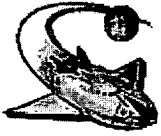
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To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];  
[REDACTED]; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
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Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc

Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards 

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attend the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAE0)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation 

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>  
05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 17 09:56:39 2006

Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

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Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeld=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeld=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on you odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

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Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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<wang@tcf.org>  
05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto: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-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

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"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

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cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: 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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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Corrections

I don't think anyone should be given the opportunity to correct mistakes.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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:** [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

It wasn't his mistake. I was there at the interview. I just did not have time to review all of the interview summaries. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc wang@tcf.org  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Question

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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:

>

> > 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).

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> > 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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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!

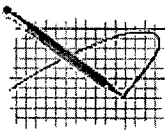
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member  
>  
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

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-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 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



VF-VI Project Presentation.ppt

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED],  
assistant@sos.in.gov, krogers@sos.state.ga.us,

[REDACTED]  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org, [REDACTED],  
wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

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House Conference Report.doc



Senate Conference Report.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: voucher 

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org, 

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!  
--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" <weinutr@verizon.net>



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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

004119

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/16/2006 03:53 PM

Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

004120



"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> 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  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

004121

> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
>  
>  
>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- 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  
>  
>  
>

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

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www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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.

004123

-----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]  
**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

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"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 trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; [REDACTED]

CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;

vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED] Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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Regards,

Peggy Sims

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05/16/2006 08:43 AM

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## 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.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; [REDACTED]

CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;

vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;

[REDACTED]; Donsanto, Craig

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email: psims@eac.gov

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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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  
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cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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!

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**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

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"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.

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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**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

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**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

004135

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

004136



Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

004107

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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Peg - -

004138

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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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: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Miscount and votes  
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To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

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Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon

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Disenfranchisement  
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Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
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Registration and removal  
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Election and administrator and fraud  
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Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
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Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
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Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
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Election and long line  
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Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive

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Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
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Election observer and threatening

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,  
[REDACTED]

To

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

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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"Craig C. Donsanto"  
[REDACTED]  
05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)  
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail  
> address  
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>  
>  
> Mike - -  
>  
> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!  
>  
> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.  
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.  
>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.

> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -

> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

> > Craig,

> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> on  
> > the CF&BF  
> > Initiative:

> > [http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.ht](http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.htm)  
> > ml



> > Michael

> > SSA Michael B. Elliott

> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit

> > FBIHQ, Room 3975

> > 202-324-4687 (Office)

> >   
> >   
> > Craig C. Donsanto

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Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff? Thanks. Tova

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06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

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05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes [REDACTED]

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



VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject notes

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

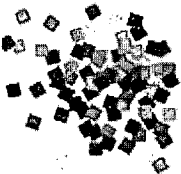
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]

Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM

To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

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> 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

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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> [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  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.

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> 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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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
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> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
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> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

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Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later [REDACTED]

004180

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

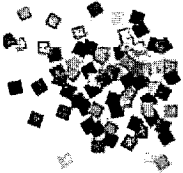
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

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  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

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wang@tcf.org  
06/08/2006 10:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [redacted]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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From: <psims@eac.gov>  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Cc: <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> psims@eac.gov To  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/13/2006 10:07 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Transcripts, Etc.

I can't do that time, I'll be at an event in DC.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 8:10 AM

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To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.  
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>  
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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting


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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts 

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

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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,

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wang@tcf.org

06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

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> Job

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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

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>> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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>> >> Hi Job,

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>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> 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.  
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>> >> Tova Andrea Wang  
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"Job Serebrov"

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:42 To

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> psims@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/08/2006 05:09 PM

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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wang@tcf.org

06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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>> Subject: Re: teleconference

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>> >> Tova  
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cc

Subject Re: voucher 

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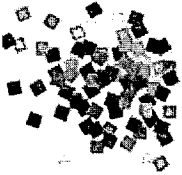
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
[www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

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"Carol J. Thomas Reporting"

[REDACTED]  
06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.



051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

06/19/2006 04:28 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

I have been told that GSA expects to make the disbursement next week, probably on or around June 28.

--- Peggy

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**Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV**

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/21/2006 06:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

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Subject Re: Teleconference

It will need to be early next week. What news of the transcript?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
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 > teleconference originally scheduled  
 > for this evening. Is another day this week or early  
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wang@tcf.org  
 06/22/2006 10:29 AM  
 To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject

Can I also get an answer on whether we can speak about the project publicly?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 06/19/2006 12:19 PM  
 To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
 cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
 Subject Re: teleconference [REDACTED]

OK. I have marked my calendar for a 7 PM EST/6 PM CST teleconference for this Wednesday. Still no transcript. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org  
 To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

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06/15/2006 03:30 PM

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

fine

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To Diana Scott

cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

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"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
>  
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

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06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: wang@tcf.org; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"  
> <wang@tcf.org>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition! 

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

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"Tova Wang"

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06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: <wang@tcf.org>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various  
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>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
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> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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> >  
> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> I did attend, but I  
> >> agree the issue is taking up too much of your  
> time. I just wanted you to  
> >> be forewarned that the paragraph has already  
> raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> about that.  
> >>  
> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> contract. We won't get 60  
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> we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
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> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg




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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 


Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"   
cc  
Subject methodology

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To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Peggy



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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject invoice

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

cc

Subject outline of final report

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06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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<wang@tcf.org>  
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To psims@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov  
cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> That would be great on the contract.  
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> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I  
> know you don't want to  
> spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue, and  
> I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to  
> you and Tom and any of  
> the commissioners about this further if that would  
> be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the  
> office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> > Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> I did attend, but I  
> > agree the issue is taking up too much of your  
> time. I just wanted you to  
> > be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised  
> red flags in DC of and  
> > is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about  
> that.

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> > I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you and  
> > Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> Officer will approve a  
> > contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> and money to incorporate  
> > comments received on the report and other efforts  
> that fall within the  
> > tasks specified in the current contract. We won't  
> get 60 thou, but there  
> > might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> > Peg

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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> > To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> > Subject: Various  
> >  
> > Peg:  
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> > I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> > some  
> > issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> > reimbursement?  
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> > I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> > agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
> > also agree that this is taking up too much time  
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> > which we have so little left) and is a minor part  
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> > one interview which makes up one of thirty  
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To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: outline of final report [PDF]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 07:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

Peg, If you review the numerous speeches and writings of Donsanto, including at the BAI training sessions, you will see that in the past he has frequently said that as a matter of law and policy the Department generally only pursued organized patterns. I can point you to particular citations if you like. He clearly said when we interviewed him that there had been a shift in resources and energy. This is in both of our notes. I don't think this should be an issue of departmental politics.

Tova

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**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

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cc [REDACTED] twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

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CC "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
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To Tova Andrea Wang

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06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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Subject Re: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] SSAEXTERNAL  
cc dromig@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [icon]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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www.eac.gov

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" <carolthomasreporting@cox.net>

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang [REDACTED] wrote:

> Is this OK now?  
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> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
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> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov"

06/26/2006 06:52 PM

To [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

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Subject Methodology for Cases



Methodology for Case Review.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/03/2006 11:38 AM To Devon Romig  
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Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

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06/30/2006 05:25 PM To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

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To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

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To Serebrov

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Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report 

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?

> Peggy

>

> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

>

> Peg:

>

> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and  
> this

> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?

>

> Job

>

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made

> > today. --- Peggy

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07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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)  
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"Job Serebrov"  
 [REDACTED]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc

Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology 

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc 

Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: 

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

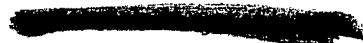
wang@tcf.org

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

  
Re: FW: methodology

Subject

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs

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> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
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cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/20/2006 02:46 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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Subject Voucher

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07/17/2006 12:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

Subject RE: final report [REDACTED]

Yes, I have the list of Working Group members. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "'Job Serebrov'" [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 11:26 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: final report

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07/17/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/17/2006 05:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report 

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: final report 

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 10:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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**Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV**

07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To [twilkey@eac.gov](mailto:twilkey@eac.gov), Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel:202-566-3123

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"Melissa Slemin"

07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To soverton@law.gwu.edu, dena@omidyar.net, maidenberg@knightfdn.org, "GPM" <GPM@carnegie.org>, "Kristen Engberg" <KEngberg@JehtFoundation.org>, "Michael Caudell-Feagan" <MCaudell-Feagan@pewtrusts.org>, "Daniel Tokaji" <tokaji.1@osu.edu>, "Charles Stewart III" <cstewart@MIT.EDU>, klyndyson@eac.gov, Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

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California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
Pasadena, CA 91125  
phone: 626.395.4089  
fax: 626.405.9841



<http://votingtechnologyproject.org> NonPres-memo.pdf

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"Job Serebrov"

07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; "Job  
> Serebrov"  
> <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 5:14 PM  
> Subject: No teleconference today  
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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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wang@tcf.org

07/29/2006 03:32 PM

To Undisclosed-Recipient;;

cc

Subject moving to our DC office

Dear friends and colleagues,

As some of you know, I have decided to voluntarily give up many of my voting rights and become a resident of the District of Columbia. As I will be simply transferring to The Century Foundation's DC office, my email will remain the same ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). My new work contact information as of August 8 is as follows:

The Century Foundation  
1333 H Street, NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

(202) 741-6263

I look forward to speaking with you and seeing you soon.

Tova Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/03/2006 04:59 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation 

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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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 May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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)

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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 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 03:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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

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--- Peg

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:33 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

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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.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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> 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.  
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> --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> What political party is Perez with? How political is  
> he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?

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> Who  
> appointed Perez?  
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> 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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> Job  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To Diana Scott

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"

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
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:  
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> <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  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation

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> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
>  
> Visit our Web site, <<http://www.tcf.org/>>  
> [www.tcf.org](http://www.tcf.org), for the latest news,  
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> <<mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

05/11/2006 02:12 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)  
cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM

**To:** [serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)

**Cc:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto: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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"Job Serebrov"  
~~REDACTED~~

05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc

Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.

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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your  
> recommendation and replace

> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact  
> information for Rogers? ---

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Good News

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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition  
> today after surgery.

>

> See:

> [http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).

> 500 Fourth Street NW

> P.O. Box 2168

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> (505) 848-1800

> Fax: (505) 848-1891

> Asst: Carol Casstevens

> [REDACTED]

>

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > 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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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>  
05/05/2006 12:09 PM

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - thank you. I will be there.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 9:16 AM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**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\\_commitee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_commitee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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 acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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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: 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

"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?

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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

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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

cc

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.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig

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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

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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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

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To  
cc psims@eac.gov  
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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-----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.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To  
cc psims@eac.gov

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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

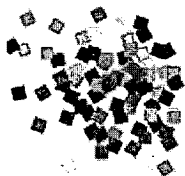
We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:34 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

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

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject May 18 Meeting

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Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

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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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 10:22 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Working Group Travel

Peggy,

I will send these names to Adventure Travel (AT) authorizing AT to place the airfare and hotel charges on our credit card. That is all I do on my end. BUT Devon has to follow up to make all the arrangements with Marvin Brokaw at AT and whatever else is required as far as support servs. for the meeting is concerned.

I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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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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"Job Serebrov"

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 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

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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.  
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> 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.  
> 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

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> 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  
> 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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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> 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 lose  
> money.  
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> 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  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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.  
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> > Job  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
> >  
> > > Hi, Folks:  
> > >  
> > > Teleconference  
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > > Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > 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  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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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.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > 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.  
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> > As I understand it, we are working on a  
> > replacement  
> > for Norcross. If  
> > Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> > includes public  
> > integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> > not try and stir up  
> > other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
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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.  
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> > --- 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" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
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> > > serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
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> > > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I  
> > realize  
> > he  
> > > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a  
> > minority  
> > > attorney and we already have a rep who worked  
> > with  
> > > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather  
> > not  
> > > fill  
> > > that position since I am one down.  
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> > > --- Tova Wang [REDACTED] 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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> > > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights  
> Project

> > > for

> > > > the Lawyers Committee

> > > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> > Barbara

> > > > Arnwine, the Executive

> > > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > > > His contact and mailing info is:

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> > > > 202-662-8315

> > > > 1401 New York Avenue, NW

> > > > Suite 400

> > > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > > Tova Andrea Wang

> > > > Democracy Fellow

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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  
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To Sarah Ball Johnson  
cc [REDACTED], ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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Thanks, again!

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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

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

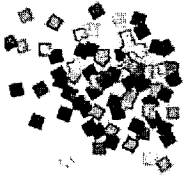
I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- 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" [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
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>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To Rivers [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

<Sarah.Ball@GSAEXTERNAL>

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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cc  
Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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[Redacted]  
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To "Job Serebrov" [Redacted] "Tova Andrea Wang" [Redacted]  
cc  
Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.  
Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
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Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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Subject Re: donsanto interview

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g., the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"  
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey  
cc  
Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>  
To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
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> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Travel Funds

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

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07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



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07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various 

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



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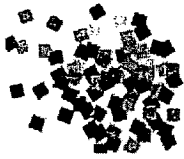
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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To [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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[REDACTED]  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

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The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.

> Tova

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> Tova Andrea Wang

> [REDACTED]

> [REDACTED]

> 41 [REDACTED]

> phone: 212 [REDACTED] fax: [REDACTED]

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To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Travel Funds 

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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To "Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

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> 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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To "Job Serebrov"

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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

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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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"Tova Wang"

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To psims@eac.gov

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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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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

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**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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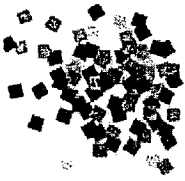
Subject Re: Court reporter 

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

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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

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Peggy,

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bбенавидес@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

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05/04/2006 10:33 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Good News

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To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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Subject RE: Fraud Definition [REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

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Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

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**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 12:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: invoice [REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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  
[REDACTED]

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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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04/27/2006 09:23 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

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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"

05/09/2006 05:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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"Job Serebrov"

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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05/06/2006 08:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

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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

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> Tova:

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> 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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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** 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 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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"priceline.com Customer  
Service"  
<hotel@trans.priceline.com>

05/05/2006 09:20 PM

Please respond to  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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**priceline.com**

Love, Wang made a reservation on priceline.com. Here are the details of the trip.

**Hotel Details**

**Embassy Suites Hotel Washington, D.C.**  
1250 22Nd St Nw  
Washington, DC 20037  
202-857-3388

Check-in: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 12:00 PM  
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

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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To: Margaret Sims  
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To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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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"  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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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> 05/11/2006 03:49 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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> opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.  
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> > > Federal Crime of  
> > > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
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Donetta L.  
Davidson/EAC/GOV  
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  
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Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck

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"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]

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]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 03:09 PM

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"Job Serebrov"

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov,

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:  
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> 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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> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> schedule a teleconference  
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----



**"Job Serebrov"**

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.  
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> 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  
> 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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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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>  
> 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.  
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>  
> 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  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> > cc  
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> > 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.  
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> > > 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  
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> > > 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"

[REDACTED]  
04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang

[REDACTED]

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
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:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>, 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: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED] 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  
>  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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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> psims@eac.gov

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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  
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> > 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 

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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Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

"J. R. Perez" <jrperez50@sbcglobal.net>



"J. R. Perez"

[REDACTED]  
05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



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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  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [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  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** 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

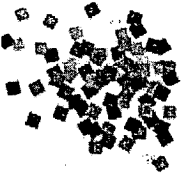
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

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 & Serebov 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"

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

[REDACTED]

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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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
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

[REDACTED]

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

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"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
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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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

> "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

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > 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.)  
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> > > 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]  
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> > > To  
> > > psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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> > > 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

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> > will  
> > > need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.  
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> > > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > > > Would you please take a look at the attached?  
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> > > > 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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"Job Serebroy"

[Redacted]

To psims@eac.gov

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

cc

Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

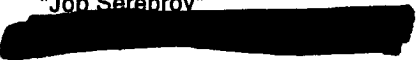
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"Job Serebrov"



To psims@eac.gov

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> 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"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"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

>  
> To  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@sims@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 [REDACTED] 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:  
> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
> >  
> >  
> > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED] on  
> > [REDACTED]  
> >  
> > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.tcf.org/>>  
> > [www.tcf.org](http://www.tcf.org/), for the latest news,  
> > 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. Romig/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"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [REDACTED]  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>  
> 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

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
> 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 Serebrow"

cc [REDACTED]

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.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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 lose 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"

[REDACTED]  
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 [REDACTED]  
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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[Redacted]

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"

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:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

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



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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 Registrat2.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den2.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,

> 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

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> 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

> >  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > [REDACTED]  
> > 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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> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > 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"

[REDACTED]  
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:** [REDACTED]

**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



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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 Ambrogio/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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



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"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

> 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

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03: [REDACTED]

> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@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 

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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"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" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

> 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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> > 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"  
[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> 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 [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"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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To psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: arnwine [icon]

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 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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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!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
 04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

Tova Andrea Wang

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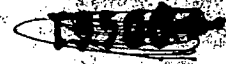
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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** Rivers@BlankRome.com  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4,PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

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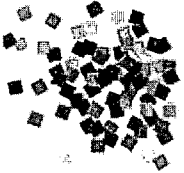
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Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject case charts 2

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov"  
Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang" [redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc  
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"Tova Wang" [redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
cc  
Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 12:13 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

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And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/21/2006 11:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject summaries of interviews 2

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott  
cc  
Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----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 -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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

> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
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>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
>

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc

Subject interview analysis

Tova Andrea Wang



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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

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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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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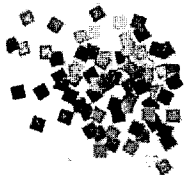
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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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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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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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 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.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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  
>  
>  
>  
>

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

Subject [REDACTED] list of interviewees

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Tova Andrea Wang

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/05/2006 12:56 PM

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**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>

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

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Colver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:19 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Latham 

One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds. Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Latham

The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

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



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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 will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- 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).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
>  
>

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

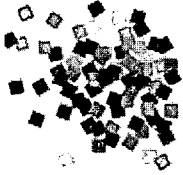
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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"Marvin Brokaw"



To dromig@eac.gov

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

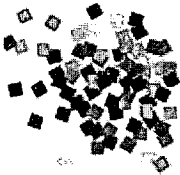
I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

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 acrimoneous FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"

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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: 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

"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?

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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).

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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

cc

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

cc

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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

-----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?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
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<[serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)>@GSAEXTERNAL, Tova Andrea

Wang

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

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<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

05/09/2006 11:45 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

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cc  
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Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

To psims@eac.gov

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

cc

Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

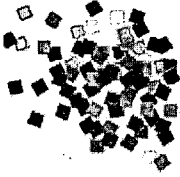
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

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.  
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> 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.  
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> 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  
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> 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  
> 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

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> 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.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
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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.

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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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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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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
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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  
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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Question

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc [REDACTED]  
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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**  
05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:

We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:31 AM -----

**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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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  
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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. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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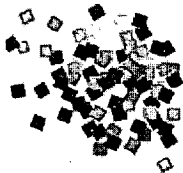
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group 

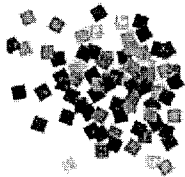
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

Devon Romig

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"Tova Wang"

[Redacted]

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org


**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

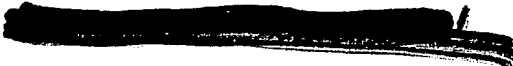
**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

  
05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 03:55 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.

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> --- 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" [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]

> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:

[REDACTED]

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> > >  
> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:  
Title:  
Entity for whom you work:  
Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:  
Work Telephone:  
Fax Number:  
Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
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

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"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 lose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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 10:11 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 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  
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>  
> --- 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.

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> >  
> > 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  
> > 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang  
[REDACTED]

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>@sims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> 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:[REDACTED]]  
> 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 <[REDACTED]> 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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> >  
> > 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:  
> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED] NW  
> > [REDACTED]  
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> >  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED] <>  
05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> wang@tcf.org

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 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

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> > 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

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> > 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

> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 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?

> > Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 11:39 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

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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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:38 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

Tova Andrea Wang

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

phone: [REDACTED] fax: [REDACTED]

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05/11/2006 05:26 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM  
**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- 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.  
> 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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> organization  
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> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
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> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
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> > 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" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
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> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> [http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum  
.htm](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing  
> > Barbara  
> > > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.  
> > >  
> > > His contact and mailing info is:  
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> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]

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> > > [REDACTED]  
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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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

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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 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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05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

004471

Cc: [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

Subject: Working Group

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Peggy

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"John Carabro"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To  
> "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative

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> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
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> that position since I am one down.

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> --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> > is Jon Greenbaum

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> > Here' s his info in full:

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> http://[REDACTED]committee.org/2005website/aboutus/ourstaff/jongreenbaum.htm

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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> for

> > [REDACTED]

> > [REDACTED]. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > His contact and mailing info is:

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> > [REDACTED]

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> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED] NW  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject another one

Plus, I found a few typos on the nexis analysis. Sorry about this.

Tova Andrea Wang

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED] 0021  
phone: [REDACTED] 5704 fax: 212-535-7534

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"Tova Wang"

004474



<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:** [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

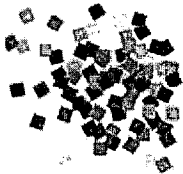
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc  
Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To [REDACTED]  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Material I may not have included

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

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" [redacted]  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" [redacted]  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]>

> > 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  
> > [redacted]  
> > [redacted]  
> > [redacted]  
> > [redacted]  
> > [redacted]  
> > [redacted]

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> >  
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> >  
> > -----Original Message-----  
> > From: Job Serebrov [mailto:██]  
>  
> > 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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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 05/02/2006 04:42 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
 cc psims@eac.gov  
 Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Barbara says that you have been working it out with her assistant Valerie, that they have spoken to you several times.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2006 8:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** psims@eac.gov  
**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  
 1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
 Washington, D.C. 20005  
 (202)566-2377

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
 [REDACTED]  
 05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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  
05/04/2006 02:08 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation [icon]

OK, thanks. I'll get back to you with more information. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

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cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/12/2006 02:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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> 05/12/2006 12:52 PM  
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> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have received a "No" from Ginsberg. --- Peg

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"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:35 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

I did not get any attachments.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> 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  
> > 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

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> > 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,

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> > 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  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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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> > Job  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 11:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Good News

I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition today after surgery.

See:

[Redacted text block]

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > 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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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted text]  
05/03/2006 01:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Monday afternnon I have a commission meeting.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Job and Tova:
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- > 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
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- > of May). We won't have confirmation of the
- > availability of Secretary
- > Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
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- > I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
- > schedule a teleconference
- > on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

I did send you the Brennan piece, but not the other one.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tova Wang

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov; dromig@eac.gov

**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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05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon:

Send an email to Perez to remind him to contact Adventure Travel ASAP. We don't have confirmation of Rogers participation yet, though we have had a number of voice mails flying back and forth, so we cannot yet notify him to make travel arrangements immediately. --- Peggy

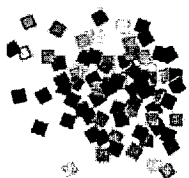
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To  
cc  
Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

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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"Marvin Brokaw"

[REDACTED]

To dromig@eac.gov

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cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.

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Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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"Tova Wang"

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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-----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!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 05:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] RNAL

cc

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

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"  
[REDACTED]  
05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

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[REDACTED]  
05/03/2006 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Sounds good. I'm available any time on Monday. Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** s [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2006 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Working Group Meeting

Job and Tova:

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Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/11/2006 03:36 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Mitchell, Cynthia" <Cynthia.Mitchell@usdoj.gov>

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peg - -

I plan to be here tomorrow, although I may have to go to the main building during the day. If you are here and I am out, just leave the packet with the receptionist. Thank you.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Peggy - -

I have Cynthia Mitchell in here with me now.

She says that the figures you listed in your attachment are your analysis of our product, and that therefore we cannot re-evaluate them.

I do not see anything in these raw numbers that impacts adversely any privacy or privilege issues.

We can update the public list and send that to you, if you'd prefer. That would allow you to represent that the numbers are current up through now. But if you would prefer, you can use what you have as long as it is represented as complete only through January, 2006.

Let us know your desires - - -

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
**Importance:** High

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

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Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3  
Vote buying: 25  
Double voting: 15  
Registration fraud: 29  
Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"  
[Redacted]  
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?

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Democracy Fellow  
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05/04/2006 02:23 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Oops! I forgot to cc. you on this. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S.

Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC,

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.

Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC,

bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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[REDACTED]  
05/13/2006 10:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

Subject Fw: research summary



Existing\_research\_thoughts.doc Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include so as I said I'll just present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
Subject: Re: research summary

> T~  
>  
> Are you talking about this?

> J~

> --- [REDACTED] ---

>> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
>> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
>> existing literature review (that Job, you approved)  
>> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
>> into the office over the weekend, which is  
>> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not, I'll  
>> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
>> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

05/11/2006 02:55 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:35 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group  
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Other: 2

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Unclear: 3

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:33 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group 

Craig:

I would love to have an updated list for our research files. For purposes of getting this information out to our participants, I will note that the consultants' summary is based upon information provided as of January 2006. Thanks.

Do you expect to be at your office tomorrow afternoon? I can walk over with the information packet we will have put together for the Working Group. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
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Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject new working group representative

is Jon Greenbaum

Here's his info in full:

[http://www.tcf.org](#)

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:

[Redacted contact information]

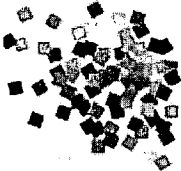
Tova Andrea Wang

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 09:31 AM

To marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject May 18th Meeting at EAC

004501

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.


Thanks for your help!

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



OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS VFVI Meeting.doc  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/08/2006 01:05 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
<[REDACTED]>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group 

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

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"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:  
>  
> 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

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>  
> 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  
> 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 Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/10/2006 04:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Latham

Do you have any other suggestions?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> One sources suggests the Georgetown Inn has  
> vacancies and pillow top beds.  
> Try 1-800-424-2979 or 202-353-8900.  
>  
>  
>  
>

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/10/2006 02:35 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> Subject  
> Latham  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking  
> out some possibilities but this is not looking good.  
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>  
>  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Update 

Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need to know as we continue our search.) -- Peg

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Update

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  
04/30/2007 06:25 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote fraud Study-Archived Email Part 1

Here is the first batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
08/02/2006 07:12 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Project

Peg:

Where are we on things?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
09/25/2006 03:39 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Fw: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

I think this is the communication to which you referred this afternoon. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 09/25/2006 03:39 PM -----

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV  
11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive

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fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and (2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
Gavin S. Gilmour  
Associate General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

08/08/2006 12:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject FW: bibliographic form

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**From:** Tova Wang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:31 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov  
**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** bibliographic form

Hi Peg, Here is the list of literature reviewed in bibliographic form. Please let us know if you have been able to look over any of the materials. Starting this afternoon, I will be pretty unavailable for the next two weeks.  
Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Foundation  
[REDACTED] New York 10021  
[REDACTED] 534

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[REDACTED]  
08/11/2006 02:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: direct deposit

I'm assuming we will get the extension for the revision period. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 2:39 PM

Subject: Re: direct deposit

>  
> Tova:  
>  
> I show only 2 hours left on your contract as of 7/15/06 -- but here is the  
> form you requested. --- Peggy  
>  
> (See attached file: EFT Form.rtf)  
>

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Hey Peg,

Hope you are well. Whenever you have a chance, I need the form to change the direct deposit to my new bank account. Thanks so much.

Tova

PS -- Keep me posted on what's going on with the report

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
08/10/2006 04:24 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject John TAnner Comments

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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"Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov"  
<Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov>  
>

To "jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov"  
<jthompsonhodgkins@eac.gov>

08/10/2006 12:29 PM

cc  
Subject



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Cameron P. Quinn  
Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, US Dept. of Justice  
Washington DC 20530  
202-305-9750

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/12/2006 04:08 PM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc jthompson@eac.gov, ggilmour@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,

A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 01:56 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Letter from Barbara Arnwine

Any chance you could send a pdf version of the letter to me? --Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/10/2006 01:55 PM -----

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

10/10/2006 12:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jthompson@eac.gov>, "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>, sbanks@eac.gov

Subject Re: Letter from Barbara Arnwine 



The letter was addressed to the commissioners. I will ask Sheila to give a copy to you.

Per our normal procedures, I would guess a reply should be drafted for the Chairman's signature (especially as he is the DFO for the Board of Advisors) but you should check that with Tom.

Thanks.


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 01:45 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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I would hope that we can refer to it as a status report on the research project (prepared by EAC staff based upon information available at the time from our consultants, Tova and Job). Calling it a preliminary report has given rise to some confusion. That confusion has led to complaints from project working group members and requests from outsiders, who mistakenly think that EAC has released the document written by our consultant that fully reports on the preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation and makes recommendations for future EAC action. --- Peggy


Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

Thanks for the update. Per legal, the preliminary report is absolutely public information which is why we had to give it to the reporter when he asked for it.

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 02:49 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Don't Believe Everything You Read

Tova and Job:

I am home recuperating, but see that in my absence, a USA Today article has gotten everyone stirred up. The report to which the article refers is only the status report on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project that was delivered to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors last spring. I provided a copy of this document to both of you. but have attached another copy for your information. This document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be

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reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
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VF-VI Study Status 5-17-06.pdf  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
10/13/2006 10:50 AM

To [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Your inquiry

Mr. Levine,  
Per your inquiry from yesterday, the status report on the EAC's voter fraud and intimidation research project is attached. It was prepared by EAC staff and presented to our Standards Board and Board of Advisors at a meeting that was open to the public in May of this year. EAC staff is currently working on a final report.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance, and I'd be glad to add you to our distribution list so you'll get updates on this and other EAC projects.

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV  
10/11/2006 10:20 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Interview Request



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Find a time that works. There's a story in today's St Louis PD that points to over 1000 suspect voter registrations.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jeannie Layson  
**Sent:** 10/11/2006 10:15 AM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio  
**Cc:** Amie Sherrill; Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Mr. Chairman,

Will Lester of the Associated Press wants to interview you briefly via phone about the preliminary fraud report. I recommend you accomodate him, as he has dutifully covered EAC, and plans to include us in a story next week about the election lanscape. He has requested a copy of the preliminary report, which I am sending to him. He only needs a few minutes, and as we discussed, i think the message is that these are preliminary findings that we presented to our advisory boards to get their input. When the final report is complete, we will release it. You can also use some of the talking pts from your speech, such as the challenge related to the very definition of the term "fraud," as people define it differently. How about I set it up for noon?

The only question he asked that I don't know the answer to is when we expect the final report. Peg... please weigh in on this.

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

10/11/2006 11:34 AM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: request for reports - Wendy Weiser, Brennan Center

Tom,

Do we have a policy on distributing the items she is requesting?

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 10/11/2006 11:33 AM -----

"Wendy Weiser"

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[REDACTED]  
10/11/2006 10:57 AM

To bwhitener@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject request for reports

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

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Margaret Sims

----- Original Message -----

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**Sent:** 10/11/2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Paul DeGregorio; Jeannie Layson; Thomas Wilkey  
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10/11/2006 10:20 AM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

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Subject Speech

Peg,

I thought I would share with you the speech I am going to give on Fraud and Intimidation in Salt Lake City at noon on Friday. If you have time, please read it over and let me know if you see anything I shouldn't say. Thanks.



Speech on Fraud intimidation Sept 29 06 Salt Lake City.doc

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cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on -- 

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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08/22/2006 12:50 PM

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-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

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Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report 

The answer is tricky. The working group met *after the written report was submitted* for the board meetings, but *before the status report was formally presented* (orally) at the board meetings. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 02:27 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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So the answer is yes, they did meet after the status report was presented?

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Report

The status report was written on May 17, 2006 (the last day it could be submitted for the upcoming board meetings). The first and only meeting of the working group was May 18, 2006. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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10/11/2006 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Yes, that is what prompted my question. So the answer is no -- they have not met since May 17?

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject Re: Funding

Peggy,  
Could you give Jeannie a call she needs some help fashioning a statment regarding the USA Today article since Tova and Job are hoping mad  
Thanks

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**To:** Thomas Wilkey; Diana Scott  
**Cc:** Edgardo Cortes; Bola Olu  
**Subject:** Fw: Funding

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"Carrera, James A" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Funding

Peggy,

As noted in our recent status report, 75 percent of contract funding has been reached. The attached is submitted in accordance with the contract requirements.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Regards,  
Jim

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Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study

Bryan:

An electronic copy of the status report is attached, as requested for the USA Today inquiry. The status report includes the attachment listing the Working Group members. I suggest that you check to ensure that I have protected the copy against any manipulation, and protect it yourself if I have not, before sending it out to anyone. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc


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I will IF they sign off on it

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Subject Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

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10/12/2006 04:09 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Art Levine  
Salon.com

  
deadline today or tomorrow

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Is it a report or just a staff document ?  
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If not, why not ?

FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

[http://www.dlc.org/ndol\\_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439](http://www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?kaid=139&subid=275&contentid=253439)

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News  
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

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Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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To Thomas.Hicks@mail.house.gov

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Subject Research update

Tom,

Per our conversation, attached is the update the Standards Bd. and Bd. of Adv. received at their May meeting. That's all it was -- a status report. And we clearly stated in our Fed. Register notice that we would deliver an update on our research projects. And this meeting was open to the public.

Take care, and let's get together soon. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Subject FOR YOUR APPROVAL

Commissioners,

Wendy Weiser of the Brennan Center has requested some of the information that was distributed to the Bd. of Adv. and the Standards Bd. at the May meeting. Her request is below. Attached is a draft letter that I

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

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To "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>,  
"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>,  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high ?

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

**To:** "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

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-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!

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"Tova Wang"  
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10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
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cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Thanks Adam. As the current project moves forward and then proceeds to phase 2, this will be a great resource I'm sure. Tova

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**From:** Ambrogi, Adam (Rules) [mailto:Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 11:39 AM  
**To:** psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Chapin Survey

Peggy and Tova:

I know that we had been looking for a state survey of election fraud and intimidation statutes—as you may have seen, doug chapin recently released a report on this info-attached here. I hope all is well with the both of you.

Best regards,  
Adam

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 04:40 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Don't Believe Everything You Read

Jeannie:

Attached is the email I sent to Tova and Job, and Job's response. (I have not yet heard back from Tova.)

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--- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/13/2006 04:37 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 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

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document is subject to public release because it was presented at a public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along. Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Subject job and tova

Please forward me the email you sent Tova and Job, as he is calling me and I want to make sure I understand what is being communicated to them. Thank you.

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Subject USA Today

See story below that ran in today's USA Today. This reporter requested the info a few weeks ago, and we had to release it b/c it was distributed at a Standards Bd. meeting, which is considered a public venue.

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Also, the document was not labeled draft.

I anticipate that we may get questions about why we haven't released it. I propose the following response. Please let me know if you approve. The story follows.

"This was a preliminary report presented to our oversight committees. The EAC is waiting on a final report, which we will release upon its completion."

## Report refutes fraud at poll sites

Updated 10/11/2006 8:05 AM ET

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — At a time when many states are instituting new requirements for voter registration and identification, a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has found little evidence of the type of polling-place fraud those measures seek to stop.

USA TODAY obtained the report from the commission four months after it was delivered by two consultants hired to write it. The commission has not distributed it publicly.

### **NEW LAWS:** Thousands of voters shut out

At least 11 states have approved new rules for independent voter-registration drives or requirements that voters produce specific forms of photo ID at polling places. Several of those laws have been blocked in court, most recently in Arizona last week. The House of Representatives last month approved a photo-ID law, now pending in the Senate.

The bipartisan report by two consultants to the election commission casts doubt on the problem those laws are intended to address. "There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling-place fraud, or at least much less than is claimed, including voter impersonation, 'dead' voters, non-citizen voting and felon voters," the report says.

The report, prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank, and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney, says most fraud occurs in the absentee ballot process, such as through coercion or forgery. Wang declined to comment on the report, and Serebrov could not be reached for comment.

Others who reviewed the report for the election commission differ on its findings. Jon Greenbaum of the liberal Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law says it was convincing. The committee wrote to the commission Friday seeking its release.

Conservatives dispute the research and conclusions. Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights, notes that the Justice Department has sued Missouri for having ineligible voters registered, while dead people have turned up on the registration rolls in Michigan. "It is just wrong to say that this isn't a problem," he says.

That's one reason the commission decided not to officially release the report. "There was a division of opinion here," Chairman Paul DeGregorio says. "We've seen places where fraud does occur."

The consultants found little evidence of that. Barry Weinberg, former deputy chief of the voting section in the Justice Department's civil rights division, reviewed their work. "Fraud at the polling place is generally difficult to pull off," he says. "It takes a lot of planning and a lot of coordination."

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Subject Re: USA Today

The proposed response sounds okay but the story is out. Other media may want the information. That the material given USA Today wasn't identified as draft or preliminary findings is now our problem.

I hope we are working post haste to have the report ready to release less we be seen as trying to bury this. It seems to me that other articles will be written, if not from the document that we sent to USA Today, then certainly from the USA Today article as the source document.

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Media request - USA Today

My initial reaction is that both reports are currently under review by EAC staff. I will entertain other thoughts but that is pretty much the what is the situation right now. Both research projects were designed to give the EAC issues and recommendations in both of these areas and are currently being reviewed. As a matter of fact the report from our consultants on Voter fraud and Intimaation has not been forwarded by staff to the Commissioners but Peg will need to weigh in on that.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Bryan Whitener

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bryan Whitener  
**Sent:** 09/22/2006 05:10 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims; Karen Lynn-Dyson; Thomas Wilkey; Juliet Hodgkins; Gavin Gilmour  
**Cc:** Jeannie Layson  
**Subject:** Media request - USA Today

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All

Richard Wolf of USA Today called and asked for the following. Jeannie and I ask that you consider this carefully and let us know ASAP what to provide .

(1) The status report on voter fraud and consultant update that was presented to the advisory boards in May, 2006.

(2) The status of the required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID that is referenced in the following passage in today's Electionline Weekly by Doug Chapin.

In addition to the EAC's considerable election management responsibilities (especially in the area of voting equipment certification and testing), the agency has key policy issues to resolve in the immediate to near-term future, including a required guidance document on provisional voting and voter ID (now nearly two years overdue) and continued regulatory oversight over state implementation of "motor voter". This latter issue will almost certainly involve questions about the intersection of state and federal laws on voter registration - questions which divided the Commission when applied to Arizona, and could divide it again as Republicans and Democrats continue their traditional struggle to balance access to the franchise with concerns about the potential for fraud at the polls.

Thanks,  
Bryan


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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Brennan Center letter 

I like this..it needs to go to the 3 C's for review and approval.

We also need to be prepared as to what happens when they receive it.

Thanks for your help.

Tom

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Subject Brennan Center letter

Tom,  
A draft letter is attached. I've incorporated comments from Gavin and Julie.

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To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, twilkey@eac.gov  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject AP voter fraud story posted

**Report: Voter fraud may be overstated**

By WILL LESTER  
Associated Press Writer  
Oct 11, 4:40 PM EDT  
October 11, 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The most common form of voter fraud involves absentee ballots, including forgery and coercion in getting older or ailing voters to fill them out, according to a preliminary report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

But the report, delivered in May, suggested that reports of polling place fraud involving "dead" voters and voting by felons and non-citizens might be overstated. The researchers said there is far more anecdotal evidence about voter fraud than specific verifiable claims.

"On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in political debate," the report said.

"Many times people put their own partisan spin on voter fraud and voter intimidation," EAC Chairman Paul DeGregorio said Wednesday.

DeGregorio said the report was only preliminary and cautioned that more investigation is needed to understand the amount of voter fraud in this country.

"Many times you see people attempting to commit fraud, but it never gets to the level of being reported," said DeGregorio, a former elections official in St. Louis. He noted a case of more than 1,400 suspect voter registration cards being investigated in St. Louis.

The preliminary report was prepared by Tova Wang, an elections expert at the Century Foundation think tank and Job Serebrov, an Arkansas attorney.

Conservatives have argued the problem of voter fraud is severe in some states, while liberals generally argue that voters face too many restrictions.

New state laws requiring voters to present identification at polling places have faced legal challenges in states such as Arizona and Georgia.

"It's absolutely a serious problem," said Thor Hearne, counsel to the American Center for Voting Rights. "It's an unfortunate reality, particularly in battleground states."

Those problems include voter fraud and voter intimidation, he said.

The final voter fraud report is expected after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, DeGregorio said.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

10/12/2006 10:32 AM

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Subject today's posting

Dan,

Just wanted to let you know that the USAT article is not about a research report but a "status" report, which was presented to the Standards Bd. and the Bd. of Advisors at a meeting held in May. During this meeting, these entities received updates on many EAC activities, and the aforementioned status report was just one of those updates. And by the way, the meeting was open to the public, and posted on our website and in the Fed. Register. In the Fed. Register notice you'll see that the agenda included an update on our research projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Subject Re: Fw: reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com 

- A.) The "report" they refer to was a status report written by staff
- B.) The full report is currently being reviewed by staff and the report was intended to give recommendations to the EAC on how and what to do additional studies or guidance on.
- C.) the report will be available at some future time after staff has had an opportunity to review and evaluate it's contents.

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See questions below. I can answer the first two, but see if this language is acceptable for questions 3 and 4.

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang? If not, why not? EAC staff is currently reviewing the data, and we have not compiled a final report. I will make sure you receive the final report when it is issued.

This answer will probably not make him happy, but it's the best I can come up with. Suggestions?

----- Forwarded by Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV on 10/12/2006 04:06 PM -----  
Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Subject reporter - Art Levine, Salon.com

Art Levine  
Salon.com

  
  
deadline today or tomorrow

What exactly is the document USA Today refers to ?

Is it a report or just a staff document ?

Can I get full report submitted by Tova Wang ?

If not, why not ?

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FYI

Google search shows this on the DLC website

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Also,

Salon's shameful six

There was Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. Here are the six states where vote suppression could cost voters their voice -- and Democrats the election -- in 2006.

Salon News

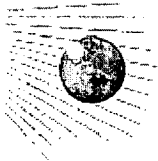
By Art Levine

Eva Steele has a son in the military who is supposed to be fighting for freedom in Iraq, but sitting in a wheelchair in her room in a Mesa, Ariz., assisted-living facility, she wonders why it's so hard for her to realize a basic freedom back here in America: the right to vote.

Arriving in Arizona in January from Kansas City, weakened by four heart attacks and degenerative disk disease, Steele, 57, discovered that without a birth certificate she can't register to vote. Under a draconian new Arizona law that supposedly targets illegal immigrants, she needs proof of citizenship and a state-issued driver's license or photo I.D. to register. But her van and purse were stolen in the first few weeks after she moved to Mesa, and with her disability checks going to rent and medicine, she can't afford the \$15 needed to get her birth certificate from Missouri. Her wheelchair makes it hard for her to navigate the bus routes or the bureaucratic maze required to argue with state bureaucrats. She's unable to overcome the hurdles thrown in her way -- and in the way of as many as 500,000 other Arizona residents -- by the state's Republican politicians.

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Subject Re: Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Consultants

No big deal--and no big delay. Don't worry about it.

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Chairman

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Subject Last Submission from Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation  
Consultants

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The last submission from the Vote Fraud-Voter Intimidation Study consultants is dated August 8. At this time, EAC staff are reviewing all items submitted for the report to the Commission with an eye toward the best way of presenting the information to the Commissioners for their consideration. There has been some delay in this staff review process, for which I take full responsibility.

Peggy Sims  
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Subject response to Wendy Weiser

Attached is a proposed draft. I have to get this resolved ASAP as she is demanding a delivery time from me. I literally cannot answer my phone. Unfortunately, the Brennan Center can and will make a big stink if we don't respond. We don't need more accusations about us sitting on research.

The letter would be accompanied by the resolutions passed at the May meetings.

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And, I need to know who is supposed to sign this letter.

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Subject Brennan Center

Please note that Wendy Weiser has asked me to provide a time frame for when I will provide the following documents. Tom, per our conversation, I can write a letter, but how do we address her request for the voter ID info? Also, is this something Karen should handle as these are for research docs? I need an answer soon...

Mr. Whitener,

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Sincerely,

Wendy R. Weiser

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

10/13/2006 04:18 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Research Project Descriptions

Jeannie:

Here are the changes I suggested for the Vote Count-Recount and the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research projects. I don't think they will help the current situation much, as the original VF-VI description already stated that it is preliminary research. As it is preliminary research, we did not expect that it would provide a total picture of voting fraud and voter intimidation in this country. We just wanted to get some sense of what is going on, and a better idea of the direction future EAC research on the subject should take. To ensure that the research would be balanced, we had consultants and project working group members from opposing sides of the political spectrum.

According to folks intimately familiar with the development of HAVA, disputes over the extent to which voting fraud and voter intimidation existed caused Congress to add the study of these subjects to EAC's list of research projects. Given the nature of the subject (most offenders try to hide their activities, sufficient evidence is hard come by with some types of activity, and prosecution of offenses may not occur for political or budgetary reasons), it is doubtful that we will ever have completely reliable statistics on occurrences of voting fraud and voter intimidation, but we may be able to obtain better statistics than anyone else has. And we should be able to identify where in the voting process most offenses tend to occur and to explore alternatives for addressing vulnerabilities that leave the process open to corruption.  
--- Peggy



Rev Descriptions for Web Site Descriptions of Vote Counts- Recounts and Voting Fraud Research 9-6-06.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
10/13/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc



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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 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 public meeting.

Due to internal resource allocation problems, your final report has not yet been reviewed by the Commissioners. It is considered a working document (not subject to public release) until it has completed the review process and the Commissioners have agreed to release it. There has been no attempt by the Commission to hold up the report. I bear responsibility for any delays in moving it along.

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Please be reassured that we would not release your report without letting you know.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/26/2006 12:50 PM

To Thomas Wilkey

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Subject Fw: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Here are the documents I sent you yesterday. Also attached is a copy of the status report on this research that was provided to the Standards Board and Board of Advisors earlier this year. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:36 PM

To Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, twilkey@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah

Matt (and Amy) are working on a speech for the Chairman to deliver at the Vote Fraud conference in Utah at the end of the week. Matt has asked for the consultants' definition of vote fraud/voter intimidation and the draft recommendations. As neither have been through full Commission review, I would like to speak with one or both of you before I drop this information in any one Commissioner's lap. Matt is looking for this information today. FYI, attached are copies of the consultants' definition and the draft recommendations from the consultants and others from the working group. Also attached is a summary of concerns expressed by the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 6-27.doc RECOMMENDATIONS - final2.doc Working Group Recommendations final.doc



Key Working Group Comments and Observations AND concerns final.doc

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

09/25/2006 12:39 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Preparation for Vote Fraud Conference in Utah 

Many, many thanks for keeping me in the loop on this  
(I think)

:-)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 05:24 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
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Subject Vote Fraud Project

A new email you may want to add to the collection.

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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc jthompson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: tova 

Do we know who received her letter? I haven't seen it. --- Peggy

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
04/26/2007 04:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
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See her [press release](#) (third item).

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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 -----



"Dan Seligson"  
<dseligson@electionline.org>

03/09/2007 02:26 PM

To "Bryan Whitener" <bwhitener@eac.gov>  
cc  
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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
03/13/2007 02:31 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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cc ddavidson@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,  
ddavidson@eac.gov  
cc

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

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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cc

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; stephanie.wolson@gmail.com

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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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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04/03/2007 06:22 PM

cc jthompson@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

04/03/2007 05:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
klyndyson@eac.gov, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

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

cc

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**

04/13/2007 02:06 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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

Election Research Specialist

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04/13/2007 01:04 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

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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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04/16/2007 04:01 PM

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cc ecortes@eac.gov, Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet  
E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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

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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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cc ecortes@eac.gov, Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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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CD in the shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER  
INTIMIDATION\Working Group\CD Contents. --- Peggy

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

04/16/2007 01:38 PM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Subject Fw: Your Information Request

Peggy,

Do you know the CD that is being referenced, below?

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"Bonnet, Jerry (SOS)"  
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To ggilmour@eac.gov  
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Subject RE: Your Information Request

Thank you. I would also like to obtain a certain CD (I presume this contains data from the Serebrov/Wang research) that is referred to many times in the transcript of the May 18, 2006 EAC Voting Fraud Meeting. Do you know if this is available? I believe it was sent to the meeting participants before the meeting - but we cannot locate a copy in our office materials. A copy sent by mail to my attention would be most helpful. Thank you. Jerry Bonnet

-----Original Message-----

From: ggilmour@eac.gov [mailto:ggilmour@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 11:11 AM  
To: Bonnet, Jerry (SOS)  
Subject: Re: Your Information Request

Here are the docs, zipped per your request.

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(See attached file: Requested docs.zip)

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04/13/2007 05:30  
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Re: Your Information Request  
(Document link: Gavin S. Gilmour)

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Jerry,

The employment agreements you requested.

[attachment "Employee Agreements Fraud Project.pdf" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

Let me know if you have questions

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Per your request, please find a copy of the meeting transcript.  
[attachment "Transcript 051806.TXT" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

Additionally, you will find the final EAC report (including the attachments--see page 24) on our website. The link is posted, below.

[attachment "Voter%20Fraud%20&%20Intimidation%20Report%20-POSTED.url" deleted by Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV]

A copy of a draft report has been posted on the NY Times Website. I

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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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04/17/2007 01:27 PM

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,  
jthompson@eac.gov

cc

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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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

cc

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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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

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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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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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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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2007 03:57 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Voter Fraud Project Emails

Here are most of the emails from my active email files. A few did not hold the check mark, so I will send them separately. I'm trying to work out the best way to hand off copies of the emails from my archived files.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

08/21/2006 12:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject call

Hi Peg, I left you a voice message last week -- you might have been at NCSL. Anyway, would you give me a call when you have a moment? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang, Democracy Fellow  
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Happy to help, especially as I have to assume the blame for the report turned in by the consultants. I think you were aware that I was disappointed that it was not a more professional product. As I was not clear what the Commission's position is on editing such reports after receipt of the final, and as the consultants insisted that their work not be changed, I felt a bit stymied. Let me know what else I can do.

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Subject Fw: please investigate

Hi-

Is this the kind of thing I should be passing on to you or Gavin?

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Thanks

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Subject please investigate

Please investigate this incident or pass it on to the proper authority.

This morning, I received a recorded message saying that my polling place was "St. Francis" something or other. Later in the day, I wondered why I was informed of this change via a phone number with an out of state area code. I just check the Mahoning County Board of Elections site and the polling location is still listed as "Frank Ohl School" which is where I've voted since moving here. Since I received another call about the same time, I'll give you information on both numbers.

For the first call (which I believe is the culprit) the information on my caller ID was "Unknown Name 320-230-0961". They claimed they were from American for Reform Now or something like that. When I dialed that number, I received this message: "Mailbox for Rob Olsen is full." While writing this email, I just received another call from this number. Now the recorded message was from Ohio for Fair Minimum Wage.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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OK, I will get started on the interview summaries today.

DOJ (Donsanto and Tanner) raised objections to the consultants' description of their interviews, which

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state that DOJ officials agreed they were bringing fewer intimidation and suppression cases. An advocacy group is going after DOJ, accusing the agency of doing just that for political reasons, so this is something DOJ wants corrected.

Apart from the consultants pre-existing bias that "the feds aren't doing enough", a big part of the problem appears to have been a misunderstanding over terminology. When our consultants used the term "intimidation", they included all sorts of suppression activities. When Craig Donsanto used the term "intimidation", he was using the definition under federal criminal vote fraud statutes, which requires the action be accompanied by threat of physical or economic harm. (He told me he has had only one such case in 30 years.) His office is actively pursuing voter suppression activities under statutes other than federal voter intimidation laws (e.g.; the recent case in NH where a campaign operative conspired to block election day GOTV telephone lines of the opposing party). A copy of Tanner's comments on the interview summary in the status report for the Standards and Advisory Boards meetings is attached.

I had many long discussions with Tova and Job about this. I was able to get them to soften their description (see 4th bullet on page 7 of the draft report), but not entirely to my satisfaction. Also, at the Working Group meeting, it was agreed that the consultants would add a note to their definition to clarify that the working definition for purposes of the research includes activities that do not meet the federal definition of voter intimidation. The resulting note on page 5 of the draft report is too vague.

DOJ has not seen everything the consultants put in the draft final report, so they may have additional concerns. For example, the consultants' recommendations include the following:

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Footnote:

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DOJ has stated that this is an internal meeting, involving only DOJ officials, US Attorneys and FBI. EAC researchers cannot be admitted without opening the meeting to other outsiders. DOJ does not want to do this, probably for two reasons: (1) confidential information on current enforcement cases may be discussed; and (2) making enforcement strategies public could give unscrupulous individuals a virtual "how to" manual for circumventing such strategies when committing election crimes.

We may also have a hard time gaining access to the DOE reports and the Voting Section records of complaints, as they probably aren't considered public documents.

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Regarding your questions about the appendices:

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Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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Subject Revised - Draft – Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Report

Attached is a revised version of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Draft Report. The changes that Commissioner Hillman suggested have been made and highlighted in yellow. See pages 10-11.

Peggy and I are working on the revision of the Donsanto and Tanner interview summaries and will forward that to you under a separate email.



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I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Please review ASAP - Fw: Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

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cc jlayson@eac.gov  
Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

Jennifer

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study, 12-07-06



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## For Immediate Release

December 7, 2006

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## EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found  
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

**Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints:** EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

**Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred:** EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

**Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes:** EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

**Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures:** EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov).

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EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

12/13/2006 10:14 AM

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,  
ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hason,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud reserach that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Layson  
Director of Communications  
US Election Assistance Commission

### **More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?**

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV



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Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-


I did not have any interaction with this group.

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12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV  
01/26/2007 11:54 AM


To klyndyson@eac.gov@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: 

I already got one, thanks!

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02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: 1099

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:33 PM


To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>

cc

Subject 1099

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV  
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel  
cc  
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.

---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM ---



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To:

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM


**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** 

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

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Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" < >

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

004625



Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto:████████████████████]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

004626

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. There's no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

004628



That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

- > I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?
- > I will be in DC for
- > other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any
- > difference (EAC would not
- > have to pay my transportation if it was on, for
- > example, Monday May 8 or
- > possibly even the 9th) Thanks.
- >
- > Tova Andrea Wang
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- > 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

004629

As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [REDACTED]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
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Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc

00463

"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up 

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Tleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>

04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

00463



To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview


Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info 

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita  
317-232-6536  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any  
> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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- > him to assess the
- > level of public attribution that would be
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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject working group agenda

004635

Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy.  
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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

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Subject Working Group Contact Info

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

]

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting  
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison  
**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,  
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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM  
**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon  
**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Tony

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04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and  
Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and  
presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regretablely not public at present.

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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 Apr 05 17:26:12 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review  
it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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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 Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled  
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to  
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job ([serebrov@sbcglobal.net](mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net)) and Tova ([wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info



That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM  
To "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?

Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>, "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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

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"Job Serebrov"

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:

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

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FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
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> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
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> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?  
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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM  
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> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> Peggy Sims  
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> wang@tcf.org

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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> psims@eac.gov  
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> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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> Happy Easter!  
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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
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> <<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>>  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]

04/17/2006 10:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

Peggy:

This is incorrect. Our project ends May 31. This month's invoice is due on April 21 and is invoice number 3. Invoice number 4 is due at the end of May.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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

wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

donsanto again

To

cc

Subject

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule this week. Is this the last interview that you were able to arrange?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
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> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?  
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> 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!  
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> 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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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]  
04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto  
cc  
Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject donsanto again

Hi Peg,

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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"Tony J. Sirvello III"  
[REDACTED]

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy  
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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> wang@tcf.org  
> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 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.

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> > 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.

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> > Mr. Perez has over 13

> > years experience as a county Election

> Administrator

> > in Texas. You won't

> > find many news articles mentioning him because he

> > has kept his nose clean.

> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the

> > country, prefers to

> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> 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.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > 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"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [redacted]  
**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---  
Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> 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.

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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.  
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> --- 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  
> > 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.

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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
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> > > 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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> > > 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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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

  
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



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

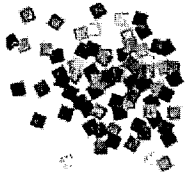
Peggy:

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?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.  
> Peggy

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang

> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM

> To: psims@eac.gov

> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Subject: Fw: research summary

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> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include  
> so as I said I'll just

> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> To: <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM

> Subject: Re: research summary

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> > T~

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> > Are you talking about this?

> >

> > J~

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> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> >

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that

> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the

> >> existing literature review (that Job, you

> >> approved)

> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go

> >> into the office over the weekend, which is

> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,

> >> I'll

> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to

> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

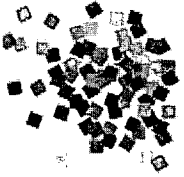
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV


05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

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"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fraud Definition

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To psims@eac.gov

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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 concerns is that the civil rights groups - - with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common grounds - - will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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Sounds good. Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Craig C. Donsanto"  
<cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)  
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail  
> address  
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>  
>  
> Mike - -  
>  
> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!  
>  
> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.  
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.  
>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.  
>  
> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -  
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> --- "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:  
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> > Craig,  
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> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> on  
> > the CF&BF  
> > Initiative:  
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> <http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.ht>  
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> > SSA Michael B. Elliott  
> >  
> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit  
> >  
> > FBIHQ, Room 3975  
> >  
> > 202-324-4687 (Office)  
> >  
> > 310-210-8511 (Cellular)  
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> Craig C. Donsanto  
> cdonsanto@yahoo.com

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/07/2007 04:31 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV  
Subject Voting Fraud Project-Archived Email Batch 8 (Final)

This is the last batch of archived emails related to the voting fraud study. I have some records concerning the study that are available in hard copy only. I will photocopy them for you as soon as I am able to do so.  
--- Peggy Sims

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
10/10/2005 10:44 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peggy:

Any word on getting us a copy of our contracts?

Job

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

10/03/2005 02:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Tova and Job contracts



Job Serebrov sow.doc Tova Wang sow.doc on  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
tel:202-566-3123  
Karen Lynn-Dys

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 09:00 AM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV  
cc  
Subject Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

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Jeannie:

Thanks for helping me out on this. I talked to Donsanto by phone about the need for his assistance. He said he needs a letter from the chair spelling out the Commission's mandate and how he can help it, and asking him to do so. Attached is the draft. I would appreciate your wordsmithing. --- Peggy



Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DRAFT.doc

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM ---

**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/16/2005 03:51 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Moving Along

Dear Tova and Job:

Rest assured that I have not ignored your emails. We have a lot going on around here, and have had to use a triage system to tackle all of the things that currently need our attention. I understand that Julie has responded to Tova's question about the September monthly report, indicating that the nomenclature refers to work done in September, not a monthly report due in September. Here are responses to other questions you have raised, and some concerns of mine:

**Teleconference** - We do need a teleconference this week to discuss some procedural issues and any remaining concerns that you may have. At the moment, my schedule for the remainder of the week is flexible. When would a teleconference be convenient for you two?

**Working Group** - I am circulating your lists of possible working group members to our Commissioners for review and comment. I will get back to you as soon as I have heard from everyone. This may take awhile, probably through the end of November, as one of our Commissioners is out of the office for an extended period due to a death in the family.

**Revised Workplan** - Due to political sensitivities regarding this project, it is more important than usual that you act as a team. I noticed several instances on the revised workplan where only one of you is scheduled to be involved. While it seems to me that it would be OK for one or the other to take the lead on a particular aspect of the work (e.g.; developing Westlaw search terms, drafting a research instrument, or setting up interviews), it is very important that both of you be involved in making final decisions on the information gathering process and in the resulting information gathering effort (e.g.; finalizing the Westlaw search terms and reviewing the search results; finalizing the proposed research instrument, administering the survey, and reviewing the survey responses; and conducting interviews).

**DOJ Contact** - I am working through the DOJ bureaucracy to obtain the input we need from the Election Crimes Branch. I have spoken to the career attorney I mentioned in previous teleconferences, Craig Donsanto. He is very interested in providing information and perspectives that will be useful to the project; but may have to obtain his superior's permission to participate. I will keep you posted on my efforts. Once we have access to him, it will be important to schedule an initial interview at the earliest time convenient for him and the two of you.

**Contacting Other EAC Contractors** - Questions for other EAC contractors need to be fielded through me. I realize this may seem cumbersome, but there are a number of reasons for this, some involving contractual issues, some procedural and policy issues. I will have to coordinate our activities on this

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project with the EAC project manager for the other EAC research project(s). Together, we will ascertain what the other contractors already have provided to EAC that may answer your questions, perhaps without an interview being necessary, or if the research is not far enough along to provide the information you seek.

Peggy Sims  
Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)  
Fax: 202-566-3127  
email: psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

11/17/2005 02:44 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference

Its ok.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> How about 2 PM EST tomorrow (Friday)? I'll call  
> each of you and bring you  
> into the conference. --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

10/19/2005 12:22 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Working Group List



Benjamin L Ginsberg.doc



Cleta Mitchell Bio.doc



David A Norcross.doc



E. Mark Braden.doc



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Thor\_Hearne\_Resume\_5\_05.pdf



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Dear Peggy:

Here is my list for the Working Group. I still have two out who have not yet responded but there are seven on my current list and you need to pick three. I recommend Roketa, Rogers and Hearne.

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Please let me know your picks asap.

The seven are:

Cleta Mitchell (DC)  
Patrick Rogers (NM)  
Mark (Thor) Hearne II (MO)  
Mark Braden (DC)  
David Norcross (DC)  
Ben Ginsberg (DC)  
Todd Roketa, Sec of State, Indiana (IN)

Regards,

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
10/21/2005 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Contracts

I guess I will have to drive folks crazy Monday to make the Tuesday deadline.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

>

> I am sorry to say that I have no further information  
> for you at this time.

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> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 10/21/2005 12:38 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Contracts

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> Peggy:

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> Any word on either the final signed contracts or the  
> form for the invoice or will I have to become a  
> general nuisance on Monday the 24th?  
>  
> Job  
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>  
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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM —



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/03/2005 03:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peg, This all sounds good. Will you be calling us on Wednesday?

I should not need a hotel for the 28th. Just let me know what time. Are there expense forms we should have for reimbursement?

On the work product, we did send Karen a very preliminary draft of a work plan. I attach it again here and we can talk about it more on Wednesday.

My only money question is, are we being paid on a monthly basis? And if so, when does that begin? I assume this all is in the contracts we'll be getting...

Thanks.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2005 2:48 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** ggilmour@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Tova and Job:

**Teleconference -**

Let's schedule the teleconference for 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5. Gavin Gilmour will join us.

**Meeting -**

October 28 is fine for the face-to-face meeting in DC. We have allocated \$5,000 to each of you to cover reasonable and necessary travel and other incidental expenses. Expenses claimed for reimbursement need to be itemized, with appropriate receipts provided. You should be able to

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obtain the Federal government rate at an area hotel (if you plan to stay overnight). If the hotel needs a letter from EAC (in lieu of showing them your signed contract), just let me know. Airlines apparently no longer honor government rates for government contractors. Rail carriers may provide government rates for government contractors. If you drive, the current government rate for a personally owned vehicle (POV) is 48.5 cents per mile.

**Deliverables -**

The first item on the list of deliverables is the draft project workplan, which is due ASAP after award. Would it be possible for the two of you to deliver a draft workplan to me via email by 10/11? That would be after we have had our teleconference to work out lingering questions.

**Questions for Finance -**

If you have questions for our Finance Officer, you can reach her via email at [dscott@eac.gov](mailto:dscott@eac.gov). I would appreciate it if you would cc: me on such emails, so that I know to follow up with her.



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email: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

11/18/2005 04:51 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject information you requested

Hi Peg,

Attached please find our joint working definition of voter fraud and intimidation.

This is also to let you know that Job and I have agreed that I may speak with political and social scientists with expertise in methodology and data collection alone.

Finally, the types of expenses that we are incurring unrelated to travel include such items as long distance phone calls, particularly between Job and myself, but also between me and the political scientists mentioned above; and books such as John Fund's "Stealing Elections," Andrew Gumbel's "Stealing the Election," and "Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition-1742-2004" by Tracy Campbell, which cost in the \$25 range each. I also ordered the 2005 National Directory of Prosecuting Attorneys for \$50. Another potential expense might be shipping fees if we want to exchange material that cannot be emailed. Please let us know how you would like us to arrange for reimbursement for such expenses.

Thanks.

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Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Senior Program Officer and Democracy Fellow  
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Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV  
09/27/2005 10:32 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Voter Fraud

Peg and Gavin,

Peg, I know you are out sick today. Hope you are feeling better by the time you get this message.

While we had a kick off conference scheduled for the Legal Resources Website, we did not have one for the Voter Fraud project. We should probably try to schedule a telephone kick off this week. I don't foresee any reason that the conference would have to be in person, do you?

Juliet E. Thompson  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:12 PM —



"Job Serebroy"

[REDACTED]

11/08/2005 06:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peggy:

As to the clips, your solution will be fine. Do you think the chair will sign the contracts in the next two or so days? Also, when the contracts are signed please make sure our first month invoices are sent for processing.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:


> Job:  
>  
> I found Gavin. He said that the Chair has the  
> letters that have to  
> accompany the contracts for you and Tova. Once she  
> signs them, the  
> finance folks will fax a copy to you and send the  
> original by mail.  
>  
> After we have the signed contracts:  
>  
> Adjusted Workplan - You and Tova should look at the  
> workplan to determine  
> what should be revised due to the contract issues.  
>  
> Working Group - I will ask for a one or two  
> sentences for each person you  
> have on the list of potential working group members.  
> The sentences should  
> summarize why you think the person would be perfect  
> for this particular  
> project. What in their particular experience  
> qualifies them to help  
> develop recommendations for future avenues of EAC  
> research on voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation? (Remember, other research  
> efforts already are  
> underway to address items such as provisional  
> voting, voter ID issues, and  
> contested elections and recounts.) If you want to  
> put an asterisk next to  
> the names that you especially recommend, that would  
> be fine. I have to  
> discuss the potential working group members with our  
> Commissioners, only  
> one of which is in the office now. Others are in  
> the field and I can  
> speak with them as they return. I'll bet that this  
> will take some time,  
> probably through next week.  
>  
> Westlaw Search - You and Tova can provide more  
> information about the  
> Westlaw search. I spoke with our Executive Director  
> and he authorized me  
> to use a part-time legal intern to conduct the  
> search and provide the  
> results to you and Tova.  
>  
> Meetings - The three of us should probably decide a  
> time for a  
> teleconference and a tentative in-person meeting  
> date in the  
> not-to-distant future.  
>  
> Regarding the election fraud newsclips, Tova was in

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> town this morning for  
> a non-EAC meeting. While here, she took the  
> opportunity to look over the  
> newsclips in one of my files. (I have another file  
> that I have yet to  
> unearth from my FEC boxes.) I mentioned to Tova  
> that one of our EAC  
> interns could sort the clips, put them in pdf, and  
> drop them on a CD for  
> each of you. Tova thinks that it would be most  
> useful to have the clips  
> organized by type of voting fraud (e.g.; absentee  
> ballot, voter  
> registration, etc.) and, within that sorting, by  
> State. Does this work  
> for you, or would you prefer a different  
> organization?

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> Peggy Sims  
> Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
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> "Job Serebrov"   
> 11/08/2005 03:40 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
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> Peggy:  
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> Tova and I will need copies of your vote fraud  
> literature file. Also, do you want a one liner on  
> all  
> of the people proposed for the working group or just  
> the three that we are recommending for the final  
> group?  
> Any work from Gavin?  
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> Job  
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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

11/16/2005 06:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Moving Along

Peggy:

Friday is best for me to teleconference.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Dear Tova and Job:  
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> office for an extended period due to a death in the

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"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>

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:51 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Coliver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc  
----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----  
"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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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: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

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Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

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Let me try to do it, Peg. Again what I do not want to see occur is for the LCCR to start attacking us. We have more in common with them than I had originally assumed, thanks to the write-ups of their interviews. We need to promote what we have in common not try to score political points. But I will try to correct the records as long as you will agree you heard what I said the way I know I said it!

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**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.

I appreciate that these two young people may have found themselves in a Brave New World when they came over here. It showed in their questioning. But the fact that criminal law enforcement is not at all similar to preventative legal relief (as under the Voting Rights Act) or civil relief (as election contest litigation) is I guess more of a problem than I at first foresaw. My real concern is that the civil rights groups -- with whom we over here have an amazing amount of common ground -- will take the singling out of the felon and alien voter cases as evincing a malevolent aggression on their constituencies. That is not the case. We are only enforcing the law.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:47 PM

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

I think they are panicking because they are preparing to travel tomorrow and may not have time to submit a revised version. They also are resisting changes to their interview summaries because the summaries represent what they think they heard. I was there at the interview and I heard what you said. I'm not sure that either of them heard everything (including the nuances) because so much of the information was new to them and it was one of their earlier interviews. I'm sorry I did not catch the defects before the summary went out.

My first concern is ensuring that the Working Group has the correct information. Then, we can deal with what version, *if any*, goes in the final report. Do you want me to excerpt the corrections from your email and submit them to the Working Group? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 12:34 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Your Materials

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Craig:

I am getting some resistance from my consultants to correcting the summary of the interview prior to the meeting. Would you mind noting the corrections at the meeting? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectRE: Your Materials

Thank you, Peg. This stuff is very interesting.

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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

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at the WG meeting. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
cc  
SubjectYour Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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05/15/2006 03:51 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, ecortes@eac.gov, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Fraud Definition

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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



Working Group Attendees 5-18-06.doc

Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




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05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Coliver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"  
<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov  
Subject Re: press interview 

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:03 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC Standards Board. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please refresh my memory about the date  
> ranges used for the  
> Nexis article research and the case law research?  
> I'm drawing a blank and  
> I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this  
> mornings Commissioner  
> briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [redacted]  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 09:05 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Question  
>

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> Peg:  
>  
> Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do  
> you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my  
> car  
> use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to  
> retain food receipts.  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
>


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: presentation 

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: presentation

I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

How did it go? Were you able to verbally correct that discrepancy we talked about the other day?  
Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC

Subject working group

Peggy,

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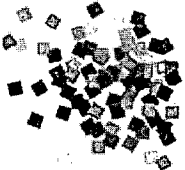
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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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Meeting Participants for VFVI Working Group.doc

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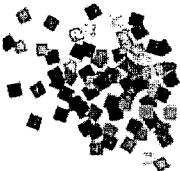
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Subject Re: working group

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05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group 

Sounds great. It did seem to work just fine for our Asian Language group. Is there going to be a transcriptionist? If so, has anyone taken care of that?

Did you still want to provide the cookies or snacks, or shall I get that from Cafe Mozart (where I am planning to get the coffee). I can just buy a few boxes of cookies for the break.

Elle

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group [Link](#)

Elle:

I think our number will be about 21 (with the Working Group members, consultants, possible EAC Commissioners and staff, and the court reporter). I'll have a better idea of the final list after I brief Commissioners tomorrow morning. Devon noted that they used only tent cards for the Asian Language Working Group. That might be sufficient for this group and would cut back on some of the work we have

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to do in preparation. --- Peggy

Elleen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg --

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last elect ion cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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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  
---- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM ----



Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To: Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC  
cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

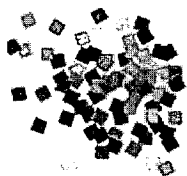
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break

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foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?


Thanks,  
Elle

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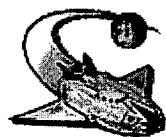
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05/15/2006 02:48 PM

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05/22/2006 05:01 PM

To Cortes, Romig, Collver, Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Laiza N. Otero

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 04:37 PM

To Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 03:39 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I haven't really looked into it. I know that contractors and grantee's can order food and have the government pay for it if the meeting is to disseminate information. Logic dictates that we can do the same, but I am not sure of the process. I have been here when we ordered lunch for meetings. Diana would be the one to ask. Perhaps the contractor can pay for it and put it on their next invoice but the COTR for the contract would have to be in the loop on this call.

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05/15/2006 03:35 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, gvogel@eac.gov@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

I am working on the snacks. I just ordered the coffee (reg/decaf). Cafe Mozart is faxing over an invoice and we can pick up a few boxes of cookies from there too.

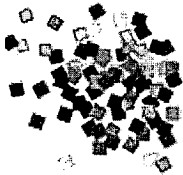
GAYLIN-Adam said that you had looked into the way of getting reimbursed for paying for the break foods/coffees that are provided at these meetings? Any ideas?

Thanks,  
Elle


Elle L.K Collver  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:28 PM


To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: working group 

I have arranged for a transcriptionist to be at the meeting but I am not sure about the snacks for the break.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

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05/15/2006 03:52 PM

To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group 

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

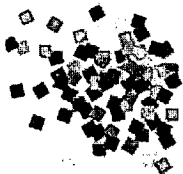
#### Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud

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- Who?
- What part of process?
- Ease of committing the fraud
- Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 10:15 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary of notes for VFVI meeting

Peggy,

Here are the notes from the meeting.



Summary of VFVI Meeting.doc

Thanks!

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"Job Serebrov"

05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers

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How did you deal with the issue of mileage v. airline costs for my travel?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I signed and submitted your personal services  
> payment vouchers this  
> morning. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



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05/23/2006 09:17 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Payment Vouchers

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher 

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy




Tova voucher 4-23 --5-20 rev.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov,   
cc

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com  
<bginsberg@pattonboggs.com>; mhearne@lathropgage.com  
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CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc

Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards A small icon representing a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation, showing a white slide with a black border and a small 'P' logo.

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" A black rectangular redaction box covering the name of the recipient.

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attendi the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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004755

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAE0)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation 

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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EAC Board Status Report.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

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05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc

05/17/2006 01:23 PM

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peggy -- can you call me about this in about an hour?

202-514-1421.

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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 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&cont entId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaB asic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on you odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:16 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: presentation 

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/24/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject presentation

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Thanks. Tova

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05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2? Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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05/24/2006 09:14 AM

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cc  
Subject presentation

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto: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-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

004762

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

>

cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: 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

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Your Materials

004763

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Job Serebrov"

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Corrections

I don't think anyone should be given the opportunity to correct mistakes.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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:** [REDACTED]

004764

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

It wasn't his mistake. I was there at the interview. I just did not have time to review all of the interview summaries. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Re: Corrections [REDACTED]

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05/16/2006 11:13 AM

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Question

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> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

>

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>

> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
> > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> > need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I  
> am

> > at the office (this afternoon).

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> > 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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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?

-----Original Message-----

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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!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Paul DeGregorio  
> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM  
> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV  
> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member  
>  
> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.  
>  
> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
>  
>  
>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: Margaret Sims  
> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM  
> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov  
> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC  
> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----



Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet , it's not the most clear though.

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Fax (202) 566-3128

-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.

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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

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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



VF-VI Project Presentation.ppt

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov, [REDACTED]  
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bginsberg@pattonboggs.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org, [REDACTED]  
wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

004771

Kind Regards,

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OK, thanks

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**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

004772

**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

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05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: voucher 

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc


Subject Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org, 

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht"



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05/15/2006 01:53 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 11:27 AM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: board of advisers presentation

I'll be here for a while, I just wanted to make sure. If you send it to me anytime before 5 I can look at it in time. If not, I'll try my best to look at it en route tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: board of advisers presentation

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow.  
Tova

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[Redacted]

05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc [Redacted]

Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> 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  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org  
> Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
>  
>  
>  
> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.  
> You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't  
> need to submit gas receipts because use of a  
> personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
> on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to  
> you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am  
> at the office (this afternoon).  
> Peg

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" [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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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**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  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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.

004779

-----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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

**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

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05/15/2006 04:53 PM

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

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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<mhearne@lathropgage.com>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
krogers@sos.state.ga.us <krogers@sos.state.ga.us>; assistant@sos.in.gov  
<assistant@sos.in.gov>; [REDACTED]  
CC: jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org <jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org <vjohnson@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
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<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Regards,

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## 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.

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- 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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

Election and fraud  
Voter and fraud  
Vote and fraud  
Voter and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
Voter and deny and challenge  
Vote and deny and challenge  
Voter and deny and black  
Vote and deny and black  
Voter and black and challenge  
Vote and black and challenge  
Voter and deny and African American  
Vote and deny and African American  
Voter and African American and challenge  
Vote and African American and challenge  
Election and black and challenge  
Election and African American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Hispanic  
Voter and deny and Latino  
Vote and deny and Hispanic  
Vote and deny and Latino  
Voter and Hispanic and challenge  
Voter and Latino and challenge  
Vote and Hispanic and challenge  
Vote and Latino and challenge  
Election and Hispanic and challenge  
Election and Latino and challenge  
Voter and deny and Native American  
Vote and deny and Native American  
Voter and Native American and challenge  
Vote and Native American and challenge  
Election and Native American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Asian American

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Vote and deny and Asian American  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Vote and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and Asian American and challenge  
Election and Asian American and challenge  
Voter and deny and Indian  
Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective

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Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier

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Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
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Poll inspector and abusive  
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Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
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Poll monitor and challenge  
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Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
Election judge and abusive

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Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
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05/16/2006 03:37 PM

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Subject RE: Your Materials 

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



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05/16/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

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Dear Commissioners:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Voter and fraud  
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Voter and challenge  
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Election and irregularity  
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Election and violation  
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Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
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Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
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Double voting  
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Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation  
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Voter and intimidation  
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Voter identification  
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Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
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Vote buying  
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Ballot integrity  
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> DOJ Contact - I am working through the DOJ  
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> be useful to the project; but may have to obtain his  
> superior's permission  
> to participate. I will keep you posted on my  
> efforts. Once we have  
> access to him, it will be important to schedule an  
> initial interview at  
> the earliest time convenient for him and the two of  
> you.  
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> Contacting Other EAC Contractors - Questions for  
> other EAC contractors  
> need to be fielded through me. I realize this may  
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> there are a number of reasons for this, some  
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> some procedural and policy issues. I will have to  
> coordinate our  
> activities on this project with the EAC project  
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> research project(s). Together, we will ascertain  
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> answer your questions,  
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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

11/29/2005 10:52 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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To: Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC

From: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Date: 11/28/2005 11:49AM

Subject: Teleconference

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

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To Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference 

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I will try to set up the teleconference for tomorrow. I'll confirm the time, once I hear back from Tova and Job regarding the times you thought you would be available. Below is the search term attachment that you did not receive with the earlier email. Tova later noted that everywhere we have a term, such as African American and .... or Latino and .... we should also have the following:

Asian American (and if possible, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)  
Native American  
Indian  
Indian Country

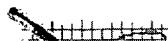
We may receive a revised search term listing before our teleconference, in which case I will forward it to you. Also attached is a separate list of search terms proposed for a Nexis search, which I received just today.

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/23/2005 03:50 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Personal Services Invoices-Travel Vouchers-Other Expenses

Just to be on the safe side, I'll prepare an authorization that covers estimated roundtrip cab fare. Hope you, too, have a great holiday. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

11/23/2005 02:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Personal Services Invoices-Travel Vouchers-Other Expenses

Thanks Peg. The only immediate issue is the cab fares between the Capitol Hilton and American University next Thursday. You might know better than me what that's likely to cost. I also assume from this that we can submit our invoices after the weekend. I hope that's OK, because I'll be out of reach in about 15 minutes until Saturday.

Have a great holiday.

Tova

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2005 2:24 PM

**Subject:** Personal Services Invoices-Travel Vouchers-Other Expenses

Job and Tova:

I've been busy seeking answers from our attorneys and our Finance Officer, Diana Scott, regarding your reimbursement questions. The results follow:

#### **Invoices/Vouchers for Personal Services**

In order to meet legal requirements and provide what is needed by our Finance Officer, we have developed the attached form that you may use for your monthly invoices for consulting services on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project. This form is optional. If you prefer, you can provide the same information in a letter. Please see your contract for specifics regarding hours that can be worked

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and compensation.

I also confirmed with Diana Scott that under the contract recently ratified, EAC considers that your service began on September 1, 2005. Consequently, **you do not have to wait until the 25th of the month** to file your vouchers for services provided during the previous month. Each voucher should cover one month, and may be filed immediately after the end of the month.

If you fax your invoice/voucher for personal services to me, please drop the original in the mail. We can begin processing your voucher based on the fax, but would like to have the original document for our files.

### **Travel Authorizations and Vouchers**

Apparently, we need to prepare travel authorizations for any travel that you do on behalf of this project. I know how to prepare them, but will need input from you for each trip regarding the expected costs of transportation (separate costs of airfare, train fare, ground transportation), hotel (including taxes), other expected travel expenses (e.g.; airport parking), the points between which you will travel, and the days of travel. I'll prepare the authorization based on this information and put it into the pipeline for the appropriate officials' signatures. Once it is signed, I will fax a copy to you. **It is important that we work together to prepare these authorizations well in advance of the travel dates .**

Once the travel is concluded, we can prepare the travel vouchers to obtain reimbursement for your travel costs, in accordance with federal travel regulations. You will need to send me your receipts for the hotel, the plane or train, ground transportation (if you did not use your personal vehicle), and parking (if you parked at the airport). You will get a set amount for meals, so you do not need to provide meal receipts. I will prepare the voucher and fax it to you for your signature. If you see any problems with the voucher, this is the time to fix them. Once you are satisfied with the voucher, you will need to return the signed voucher by mail or in person. I'll attach the receipts you provided and a copy of the travel authorization, and send it forward for processing.

### **Other Expenses**

Because your contracts do not provide for the reimbursement of other expenses, we have to look for other ways to deal with them.

For the publications, there are two options: (1) you can pay for them yourself and mark them up as you please; or (2) I can find them in our library or order them through our supply person. Anything paid for by EAC is EAC property, which would mean turning them over to EAC with no marks in them.

If you need to messenger items to accomplish the work under contract, I can authorize the use of EAC's Federal Express account number on a case-by-case basis. I'll need some advance notice and will have to supply our finance folks with the tracking number, who is sending the package, to whom, and when. That way, they won't be surprised when they see item on the FedEx invoice. (An easy way to provide all the information would be to fax a copy of the FedEx Airbill to me.)

At this time, our consultants pay their phone expenses out of their personal services compensation. When it works for you, we can bypass the need for you to incur phone charges by using EAC's teleconferencing capabilities.

**Hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving !**

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11/30/2005 10:31 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc: Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject: Re: Fw: Updated Word Search List 

Hi again Peggy,

I just looked at the list, and I have to tell you that I'm a bit concerned. I know of ways to condense searching to encompass many of the terms in one session (example: vote% & fraud would bring up voter fraud, vote fraud, etc.). However, the list is still 9 pages long. I will do my best to start on it tomorrow, but it will take me more than a day to complete it given the other projects I have on my plate. I just want you to be aware that it will take me some time to complete the task given the current parameters.

Talk to you later.

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To: Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
Date: 11/30/2005 08:50AM  
Subject: Fw: Updated Word Search List

Tamar:

Here is an updated word search list for the case law/administrative decisions search. I am still trying to confirm the time for the teleconference. As it stands right now, I will probably call you at 3:45 PM today. I should call your home phone (703-528-1863), right?

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"Job Serebrov"

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11/29/2005 07:07 PM

Towang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Updated Word Search List

Peggy & Tova:

Here is the updated case law word search list.

Job



Word Search Terms.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM -----

**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 10:58 AM

To Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: Updated Word Search List 

Tamar:

**Don't worry about responding to this email , as I know you have to pay attention in class .**

I questioned the length of the search term list and also thought that there would be ways to combine some of the search terms. It has been awhile since I have done a Westlaw search, however, which is why I need your input during the teleconference. Yes, I recognize that going through the list of search terms and printing off or saving the resulting references will take time. I'll need you to provide that feedback to our consultants so that we all are on the same page.

Devon has not done a Nexis search before; but, if EAC has access to that database, she is willing to conduct that search. The work would go along with other help she is providing. She will be sorting through my huge files of press clippings on voting fraud, will PDF the sorted clippings, and drop the PDF files onto CDs for our consultants' review.


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**Karen  
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV**  
11/09/2005 11:35 AM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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cc ddavidson@eac.gov, Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet  
E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Raymundo  
Martinez/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R.  
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Subject Re: Call from Paul Vinovich 

Vice Chairman-

Thanks, as always, for sharing feedback from our major stakeholders.

I have forwarded this e-mail on to Peg Sims, who has day-to-day oversight responsibility for this project. I'm certain Peg will be monitoring this project extremely closely and I'm pleased to have a pro like Peg watching out for EAC's best interests.


Regards-

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**"Tova Wang"**  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/29/2005 02:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov,   
cc  
Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

I am available any of those times. Remind us of their names again please? Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2005 2:18 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Tova and Job:

Are you two available for a teleconference with our Law Clerk and Intern tomorrow at either of the times listed below?

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Between 12 and 1 PM EST; or  
Any time between 3:30 and 5:30 PM EST

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11/29/2005 03:18 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern 

The Law Clerk's name is Tamar Nedzar. She is very sharp. Our intern's name is Devon Romig.

Tamar has the most recent lists of search terms and may have questions about them. Devon will need to know how you want the press clippings sorted by type of voting fraud. I think we need to give her a specific list. that, I hope, will not overlap. For example, do you want her to sort using the term Absentee Ballot

Fraud when that can involve voter intimidation/coercion/undue influence, vote buying, ballot tampering, and ballot box stuffing (by voting in the name of another or under a fictitious name).

We need to discuss this because I am concerned that we currently do not have a full written description of what does and does not constitute voting fraud and voter intimidation. The current written definition excludes voter registration shenanigans; yet, voter registration applications submitted with fictitious names or that falsely affirm eligibility to vote are considered election crimes that can have an impact on election results. Specifically, they are used in schemes to vote more than once or to have ineligible persons participate in voting. Also, an increasing number of States are including as an election crime the knowing and willful destruction of voter registration applications by voter registration drives and their failure to transmit such applications to the election office in a timely manner.

If we define voting fraud as any illegal act that has a clear and direct distorting impact on the election results, then administrative mistakes that violate federal or State law could be included. For federal elections, administrative mistakes definitely are not considered voting fraud. The examples provided for "de facto" fraud and "quasi" fraud also are not likely to be considered part of voting fraud and voter intimidation without evidence that there also is ballot box stuffing, vote buying, tampering with ballots or vote tallies, voter intimidation, etc. Although a number of things other than voting fraud and voter intimidation can (and do) distort election results, EAC is handling such issues under separate research efforts.

For your information, I have attached a speech presented by Craig Donsanto (complete with typos) that addresses the issue of defining voting fraud. Perhaps it will be of interest to you.

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

10/05/2005 01:19 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Teleconference Today

Job:

This is just to remind you that I will be calling today at 4:00 PM EST (3:00 PM CST). --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM ---

**Tamar Nedzar /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 05:25 PM

To wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Search Results Example



Tova and Job,

It was good to talk to you today. Hope you are doing well. I've attached my African American search results below. It encompasses all of the terms you suggested having to do with African Americans.

The following is a search I used to truncate words and combine terms, but I still got a large number of results:

Vot! and deny and black or vot! and black and challenge or vot! and black and reject or vot! and black or vot! And deny and African w/s American or vot! And African w/s American and reject or challenge or vot! And African w/s American or election and black and deny or challenge or reject or election and black or election and African w/s American and deny or challenge or reject or election and African w/s American or ballot and security and black or ballot and security and African w/s American or black and vot! And suppress! Or African w/s American and vot! And suppress or African w/s and disenfranchis! or black and disenfranchis!

If this search yields useful cases for you, I can continue searching using the same strategy. If not, please provide me with additional guidelines and I will do my best!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,  
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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 11:12 AM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Fw: One Month Extension

Diana:

Where are we on getting the first payment to Job Serebrov? Will GSA be able to transfer funds this week?

--- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

10/03/2005 05:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peggy:

We needed to schedule the face to face meeting for Oct 28. Talk with you on Weds.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I will initiate the calls to you two on Wednesday.  
> The number I have for  
> Tova is 212-452-7704. For Job, I have 501-374-2176.  
> Let me know if I  
> should use a different number for you on Wednesday.  
>  
> Thanks, Tova, for the copy of the draft workplan you  
> provided to Karen.  
> I'll take a look at it and, hopefully, provide some  
> feedback on Wednesday.  
> I have not yet caught up to all the paperwork and  
> emails that preceded my  
> assignment to this project. Karen just handed me a  
> folder full of  
> documents that should help.  
>  
> I think you may have received an email from Nicole  
> Mortellito regarding an

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> October 14 meeting. If you two cannot come in  
> person but can attend via  
> phone, just let me know. Nicole's message has  
> information regarding hotel  
> rates that conflicts with what I've just sent you.  
> I've asked her to  
> double check her information because I have another  
> contractor that has  
> had no problem obtaining government rate at hotels.  
>  
> Yes, you will be paid on a monthly basis. You can  
> file your first invoice  
> on October 25, according to Diana Scott.  
>  
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> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> 10/03/2005 03:54 PM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
> cc  
> ggilmour@eac.gov  
> Subject  
> RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work  
> Schedule  
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>  
>  
> Peg, This all sounds good. Will you be calling us  
> on Wednesday?  
>  
> I should not need a hotel for the 28th. Just let me  
> know what time. Are  
> there expense forms we should have for  
> reimbursement?  
>  
> On the work product, we did send Karen a very  
> preliminary draft of a work  
> plan. I attach it again here and we can talk about  
> it more on Wednesday.  
>  
> My only money question is, are we being paid on a  
> monthly basis? And if  
> so, when does that begin? I assume this all is in  
> the contracts we'll be  
> getting...

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> Thanks.  
>  
> Tova  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, October 03, 2005 2:48 PM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Cc: ggilmour@eac.gov  
> Subject: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work  
> Schedule  
>  
>  
> Tova and Job:  
>  
> Teleconference -  
> Let's schedule the teleconference for 4:00 PM on  
> Wednesday, October 5.  
> Gavin Gilmour will join us.  
>  
> Meeting -  
> October 28 is fine for the face-to-face meeting in  
> DC. We have allocated  
> \$5,000 to each of you to cover reasonable and  
> necessary travel and other  
> incidental expenses. Expenses claimed for  
> reimbursement need to be  
> itemized, with appropriate receipts provided. You  
> should be able to  
> obtain the Federal government rate at an area hotel  
> (if you plan to stay  
> overnight). If the hotel needs a letter from EAC  
> (in lieu of showing them  
> your signed contract), just let me know. Airlines  
> apparently no longer  
> honor government rates for government contractors.  
> Rail carriers may  
> provide government rates for government contractors.  
> If you drive, the  
> current government rate for a personally owned  
> vehicle (POV) is 48.5 cents  
> per mile.  
>  
> Deliverables -  
> The first item on the list of deliverables is the  
> draft project workplan,  
> which is due ASAP after award. Would it be possible  
> for the two of you to  
> deliver a draft workplan to me via email by 10/11?  
> That would be after we  
> have had our teleconference to work out lingering  
> questions.  
>  
> Questions for Finance -  
> If you have questions for our Finance Officer, you  
> can reach her via email  
> at dscott@eac.gov. I would appreciate it if you  
> would cc: me on such  
> emails, so that I know to follow up with her.  
>  
> Peggy Sims

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/15/2005 05:02 PM

To Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Revised Work Plan-Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Contract

Nicole:

I am forwarding the most recent workplan for the voting fraud-voter intimidation research contract. ---  
Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/15/2005 05:02 PM -----



**"Job Serebrov"**

11/09/2005 04:27 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Revised Work Plan



Revised Work Plan.doc Peggy:

Here is the revised work plan that Tova and I worked on today. Any word from the Chair on signing?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM -----



**"Tova Wang"**  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/28/2005 05:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[redacted]> psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject word searches

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In the course of compiling a list of search terms for the nexis research, I thought of some major omissions to the WESTLAW list.

Everywhere we have a term such as African American and .... or Latino and .... we should also have the following:

Asian American (and if possible, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)  
Native American  
Indian  
Indian Country

Moreover, everywhere we have poll worker or poll inspector we should also have the following:

Poll judges  
Poll monitors  
Poll observers

Let me know if you want me to re-do the list.

Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
11/29/2005 04:02 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Can you give us a better idea of the other EAC research projects that you think we might overlap with if we include these activities? Job and I had strong reasons for what we did and did not include and how we wanted to frame the term fraud, so we do indeed need to discuss this -- perhaps before or after the discussion with Tamar and Devon?

Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [mailto:[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2005 3:18 PM

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To: wang@tcf.org  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

The Law Clerk's name is Tamar Nedzar. She is very sharp. Our intern's name is Devon Romig.

Tamar has the most recent lists of search terms and may have questions about them. Devon will need to know how you want the press clippings sorted by type of voting fraud. I think we need to give her a specific list. that, I hope, will not overlap. For example, do you want her to sort using the term Absentee Ballot

Fraud when that can involve voter intimidation/coercion/undue influence, vote buying, ballot tampering, and ballot box stuffing (by voting in the name of another or under a fictitious name).

We need to discuss this because I am concerned that we currently do not have a full written description of what does and does not constitute voting fraud and voter intimidation. The current written definition excludes voter registration shenanigans; yet, voter registration applications submitted with fictitious names or that falsely affirm eligibility to vote are considered election crimes that can have an impact on election results. Specifically, they are used in schemes to vote more than once or to have ineligible persons participate in voting. Also, an increasing number of States are including as an election crime the knowing and willful destruction of voter registration applications by voter registration drives and their failure to transmit such applications to the election office in a timely manner.

If we define voting fraud as any illegal act that has a clear and direct distorting impact on the election results, then administrative mistakes that violate federal or State law could be included. For federal elections, administrative mistakes definitely are not considered voting fraud. The examples provided for "de facto" fraud and "quasi" fraud also are not likely to be considered part of voting fraud and voter intimidation without evidence that there also is ballot box stuffing, vote buying, tampering with ballots or vote tallies, voter intimidation, etc. Although a number of things other than voting fraud and voter intimidation can (and do) distort election results, EAC is handling such issues under separate research efforts.

For your information, I have attached a speech presented by Craig Donsanto (complete with typos) that addresses the issue of defining voting fraud. Perhaps it will be of interest to you.

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
11/15/2005 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject One or More Line Info Bios

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Working Group One Line Info.doc Peggy :

I am requesting that we be able to have four instead of three from each side. I have four very good people who have a lot of experience in this area. I left you a telephone call on this matter. I know we have to watch the budget but one of my picks is in DC and will not cost much if anything to get to meetings. I know that Tova also had Dc people that she could add as a fourth.

Job

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To Juliet Thompson, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



combined defining Fraud 11-18-05.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM -----

**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 04:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Tamar and Devon Contact Information

Tova and Job:

This is to confirm the email addresses and best phone numbers to reach Tamar Nedzar and Devon Romig. I would appreciate it if you would cc: me on any emails to them. That way you can keep me in the loop without my serving as a road block or go-between. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Email: TNedzar@eac.gov

Devon Romig  
Intern

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

10/31/2005 03:51 PM

To psims@eac.gov [redacted]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference Needed

I am available. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2005 2:45 PM

**To:** [redacted] wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Teleconference Needed

Would both of you be available for a teleconference tomorrow at 2 PM EST concerning contract issues? The teleconference would include Julie Thompson, our General Counsel, and me. We would call you.

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

10/31/2005 04:10 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Serebrov

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference Needed

We are confirmed for a teleconference tomorrow at 2 PM EST. We will call you at the following phone numbers, unless you tell me otherwise:

Tova 212-452-7704

Job 501-374-2176

Thanks!

--- Peggy

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

10/05/2005 02:47 PM

To Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV

cc

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Subject Fw: Tova and Job contracts

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 10/05/2005 02:48 PM -----

Karen  
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
10/03/2005 02:25 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc


Subject Tova and Job contracts



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Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract 

Gavin-

A few answers to your questions:

They have not received contracts but did receive a Statement of Work about a month ago.

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10/06/2005 11:50 AM

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
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Subject Voter Fraud Contract

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Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voter Fraud Contract

The SOWs that Karen provides below were revised for these contracts. I have attached one of these for your information, since they are identical.

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Wang consulting contract.doc

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**Karen  
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10/06/2005 12:28 PM

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Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV  
11/16/2005 03:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Letter with Tova and Job contracts

to the best of my knowledge the letters that went with the Tova and Job letters were the following:



Wang contract cover letter.doc Serebrov contract cover letter.doc

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"Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
v>  
11/16/2005 07:28 PM

To "Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>,  
"psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting  
Fraud and Voter Intimidation

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Peg --

Please have your Chair send ME a letter spelling out what your Commission's mandate, how I can help it, and asking me to do so. I will take it from there.

-----  
Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed Nov 16 17:34:08 2005

Subject: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Hi, Craig:

As I mentioned in my telephone call earlier today, I have been assigned to manage the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) preliminary research project on voting fraud and voter intimidation. I know these are subjects with which you are intimately familiar and recognize that the project needs the information and insights that you can provide, so I am asking for your help.

As you know, section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are:

- \* nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and

- \* identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) 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

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voter intimidation and the results of the background research to the working group;

\* convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic;

\* 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;

\* draft the project scope and Statement of Work for future research on these topics, if EAC decides to pursue one or more recommendations for future research.

At minimum, I hope that you can serve as an information resource for the team of two EAC consultants hired to conduct the research and me. I also would like to explore the feasibility of your participation in meetings of the project working group.

If EAC needs to submit a more formal request for your help, please advise me how to do so. Also, it would help me to know if there are any restrictions on your participation, other than anticipated restrictions on the time you have available.

Let me know if you have any questions about this request or the research project. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you are doing well.

Regards,

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"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted]

11/15/2005 10:37 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peggy:

We need to have a conference call this week if possible. I will have the one liner bios to you today. Also, when do you think the Commission will make its choices?

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Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:11 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

10/25/2005 04:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Work Activity List for October under Contract #05-66

The following activities were performed in the month of October:

Sent draft work plan

Developed and sent list of potential working group members with short bios.

Drafted definition of fraud/intimidation

Developed partial list of people to interview (full list must wait for vetting of the working group list)

Developed preliminary working list of existing research

Discussed the use of a law clerk with the EAC who would perform given word searches on Westlaw regarding vote fraud and voter intimidation (waiting on EAC legal department for response).

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

11/15/2005 01:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

cc

Subject contract

Just one question on the receipt of contract -- it says that the first invoice was for September, but it actually was for October when we really got started, right? Should this be adjusted to say October 1 to October 31?

Thanks.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2005 3:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Letters Were Signed

Job and Tova:

The Chair signed your letters this afternoon. Diana Scott has them and plans to fax everything to you. Have a good weekend!

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10/31/2005 10:43 AM

**To:** Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
**cc:** Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC  
**Subject:** Fw: Statement of Work to be circulated to the voting fraud/voter intimidation consultant candidates

Julie-

As you might imagine, there are many e-mails that were sent to Job and Tova regarding their work. This attached e-mail started the most definitive train of thought or work on this.

While there was not one definitive call or e-mail that said that the contract is ready, signed and sealed, there are many e-mails that imply that. I will send several of those on to you.

Carol-

Can you check your file for the final "contract/SOW" language that was used. I remember that in the beginning of September, Carol made some revisions to this piece and I believe, sent it on to Diana or to Gaylin.

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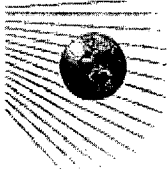


**Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/E**

To Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

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AC/GOV

08/24/2005 05:27 PM

cc

Subject Fw: Statement of Work to be circulated to the voting fraud/voter intimidation consultant candidates

Regards,

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Assistant to the Executive Director - Thomas R. Wilkey  
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E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Statement of Work to be circulated to the voting fraud/voter  
intimidation consultant candidates

Nicole-

Attached please find the Statement of Work which should be sent to each of the three candidates who are being considered for the consulting position:

Steve A.  
Tova W.  
Job S.

Please be certain they are sent separately and not collectively to all three and that it is sent by COB today.

Thanks so much for your help.

K



voterfraud project consultants.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

11/09/2005 04:27 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Revised Work Plan



Revised Work Plan.doc Peggy:

Here is the revised work plan that Tova and I worked on today. Any word from the Chair on signing?

Job

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/09/2005 05:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Revised Work Plan 

Job:

I have been in meetings all afternoon, but I did find a moment to speak with the Chair's special assistant. She expected the Chair to sign off on the letters this afternoon. Unfortunately, this may have been done after our finance folks had gone home. For obvious reasons, the finance folks lock up before they go, so I cannot check their in-boxes tonight. I will check with them tomorrow AM.

I'll take a look at the revised workplan tomorrow.

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Juliet E.  
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10/24/2005 10:17 AM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Invoice information

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Peggy & Edgardo,

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**Edgardo Cortes /EAC/GOV**

10/24/2005 10:20 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Invoice information 

I can certainly put the information together in an email to send out to them (I got all that info from Carol). I won't be able to get it done until later today though.

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 04:41 PM

To Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV, Devon E.  
Romig/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Tova and Job Contact Information

Tamar and Devon:

The phone numbers and email addresses for Tova and Job follow. I would appreciate it if you would cc: me on any emails you send to them and summarize any phone calls with them. That way, I can be kept in the loop without serving as a roadblock or go-between. Thanks! --- Peggy

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**"Job Serebrov"**

[Redacted name]

11/30/2005 10:08 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: One Month Extension

I understand government procedures. I just checked my bank account and still no funds. I need you to look into what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have already made a strong argument to that  
> effect. Everyone here  
> understands. We shouldn't have any trouble  
> budgetwise. We just have to  
> ensure we follow the correct legal procedures. ---  
> Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 11/29/2005 05:52 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: One Month Extension  
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>  
> Please remind everyone that without the extension  
> the  
> project will not be finished.  
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> Job  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > I have discussed this matter with Julie. She is  
> > looking into legal  
> > issues. I have also discussed the matter with  
> > Karen, as we are preparing  
> > our FY 06 department budget plans. (Any funds set  
> > aside for an additional  
> > month would have to come out of our FY 06 budget.)  
>  
> > I'll give you an  
> > update when I have more information.  
> >  
> > Peggy Sims  
> > 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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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 11/28/2005 12:42 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > wang@tcf.org  
> > Subject  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > I understand that you and Tova spoke this  
> morning.  
> > Have you been able to discuss the one month salary  
> > extension with Julie any further? As you recall  
> our  
> > six month project now needs to be seven because  
> the  
> > start date was moved back to Sept 1 to cover work  
> > done  
> > during that month. We still need the project to go  
> > through March which requires approval of an extra  
> > month's salary.  
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> > Job  
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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc 

Subject Re: One Month Extension 

Job:

I have asked Diana to check with GSA on the status of your first payment (which will cover October work).

--- Peggy

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**Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 10:19 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation 

Peggy,

Per our discussion, I have some initial concerns regarding the definitions that have been proposed.

1. Fraud is a legal term of art. Fraud is an intentional act or omission (i.e. actual fraud or constructive fraud) of misrepresentation or deceit. There is no such thing as defacto fraud or quasi fraud. Fraud must

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be intentional.... negligence alone is not fraud.

The general definition of voter fraud must be concise and universally applicable (this in the challenging part). After this definition is created and intellectually tested, one can then create examples and explanations. These would 1) apply the definition to the entire election process (from beginning to end) and 2) apply it to action by voters, 3rd parties and election officials. Through this process a determination may be made regarding whether three definitions are needed or just one.

2. The document has no definition of voter intimidation. What is voter intimidation and how does it differ from voter fraud? I assume this would also be an intentional act.

3. Definitions need to be concise and tight. Such definitions need to be able to be broken down into elements. Each of these elements must have clear, applicable and enforceable meaning. This can be a challenge. For example use of the term "any illegal act" is unclear, begs the question and suggests that fraud only occurs in the course of committing a related crime.

These are just my initial thoughts.

GG  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/30/2005 09:28 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Definition of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Attached discusses the definitions that Job and Tova would like to use. I have already taken issue with the exclusion of all voter registration shenanigans and the inclusion of administrative mistakes. Would be pleased to have your feedback and, if possible, your assistance for 15 minutes of a teleconference today (3:30 PM to 3:45 PM). --- Peggy



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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

10/31/2005 04:07 PM

To Juliet Thompson  
cc

Subject Re Teleconference with Job and Tova

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Julie:

Tova and Job have confirmed that they are available for a teleconference tomorrow afternoon at 2 PM. Job asked for more particulars and I mentioned the subject of billing for services. He said that both he and Tova had strenuously objected to the suggestion that they bill by the hour when the details of the contract were being discussed (I guess, with Karen) and that he might have to drop out if he has to do that. I suggested we save discussion of this issue for the teleconference.

We can call them from your office. I'll bring the phone numbers. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
10/19/2005 03:57 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group Members

Tova:

Yes, everyone here recognizes that we will have to amend the timelines associated with all of the contracts involved in the hold up. I suggest that we wait to do this until after the contract is signed.

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wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org  
10/19/2005 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group Members

OK, but Peg, I think the timeline we originally proposed may have to be moved forward if we are not in a position to do the work we need to do yet. Will that be possible? Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>  
Cc: <psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 2:16 PM  
Subject: Re: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group Members

> Tova:

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>  
> I don't have travel booked yet and want to wait until  
> everything is in order.  
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> Job  
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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
>  
>> Would it be possible for Job and I just to use the  
>> EAC office as a meeting place since we already have  
>> the travel booked? He and I should meet. Thanks.  
>> Tova  
>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: psims@eac.gov  
>> To: wang@tcf.org ; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
>> Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 11:11 AM  
>> Subject: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group  
>> Members  
>>  
>>  
>> Dear Tova and Job:  
>>  
>> I have been advised by our Counsel that, since the  
>> contracts have not yet been signed, we will have to  
>> postpone our October 28th meeting. Tova, for future  
>> reference, the per diem rates for DC (the Greater  
>> Washington, DC area) can be accessed through that  
>> web site I provided by clicking on the District of  
>> Columbia link on the map.  
>>  
>> I also have to ask you to hold any further efforts  
>> on the Working Group until further notice. We are  
>> going to have to limit the number in the group to no  
>> more than six. EAC has to pay for the travel for  
>> these folks out of FY 2006 dollars. The agency  
>> currently is operating under a continuing  
>> resolution, and may not have its FY 2006 budget  
>> until December 2005 , or later. When you submit the  
>> names of possible Working Group members, I will need  
>> a summary of their work in studying or enforcing  
>> laws against voting fraud and voter intimidation.  
>> (It is not sufficient to have expressed an interest  
>> in these matters, we need experienced folks.) The  
>> working group can include nonpartisan members, so  
>> long as any partisan-leaning members are balanced  
>> (i.e.; 1 R for 1 D).  
>>  
>> I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may  
>> cause. I wish I had the power to change the  
>> situation, but I don't.  
>>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/03/2005 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

Do we need to mail you the original of the EFT form? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 3:55 PM

**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Invoices and Payments

Job and Tova;

The attorneys have advised me that each of you should amend your invoice to indicate the total hours worked (20) during the first month. You should submit a letter ASAP to Diana Scott with that clarification.

I have been told that it takes our agent, the General Services Administration (GSA), two to three weeks to process our requests for payment. I understand that using the electronic funds transfer (EFT) process will reduce the time for payment by up to five days, because it takes additional time for GSA to cut and mail a paper check.

Diana does not have a completed EFT form from either of you, which would permit the electronic transfer of the funds directly to your chosen bank account. I can find no evidence that Karen suggested you should submit the form, so I have attached a blank form below. Please complete it and return it with the invoice amendment to Diana. If you have any questions about how to fill out the EFT form, let me know. I'll do my best to help you out.

I understand that the contract matters are moving forward. I hope to have more news for you on Monday afternoon.

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"Job Serebrov"

10/03/2005 12:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Meetings

Peggy:

I am getting an answer from Tova. I need Diana Scott's e-mail. Can you find out when we will receive our checks if we submit an invoice on 10/25. I am a little concerned that if we submit that late we will not be paid for the next three weeks. Would it not make more sense to submit early in the month for payment to arrive by the end of the month?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am available for a 3-way teleconference after Noon  
> on Wednesday this  
> week. My schedule on Thursday and Friday is  
> flexible, as well. When  
> would be best for you two? I can call the telephone  
> numbers you prefer  
> and set up the conference call from my desk.  
>  
> Both the 24th or the 28th are fine with me for the  
> face-to-face meeting.  
> Which do you prefer? If you have no preference, I  
> suggest we pick the  
> earlier of the two.  
>  
> Regarding your contracts, I understand that the  
> contract will carry the  
> date of 9/25/05. All contracts have to be signed by  
> the Chair, who has  
> been out of the office on Commission business. I  
> have been told that she  
> will sign off on your contracts, among others,  
> today. Our financial  
> officer will send it to you after that. I'll try to  
> obtain copies and fax  
> the appropriate one to you as soon as they have been  
> signed.  
>  
> Regarding your pay, the contract will state that you  
> should submit a  
> monthly invoice to EAC for payment of your fee for

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> that month. The  
> contract is for 6 months, so our Finance Officer,  
> Diana Scott, wants you  
> to submit an invoice to her each month for 1/6th of  
> the total payment,  
> beginning 10/25/05.

> I look forward to talking again with the two of you.

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> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 10/03/2005 10:08 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Mettings

> Peggy:  
>  
> Just spoke with Tova. We would like to have a three  
> way telephone conference with you this week if  
> possible. The best dates for our face to face are  
> Oct  
> 24th or 28th. Please let me know what works for you.

> Talk with you when you get answers to my questions.

> Regards,

> Job

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Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV  
10/19/2005 09:59 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

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Subject Tova/Job meeting that is coming up

We are going to need to put this off until we can get these contract reviews completed. If you need some language on this, let me know.

Juliet E. Thompson  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/04/2005 12:41 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Tuesday

Tova:

Look forward to seeing you between 2 and 3 PM next Tuesday. If you need to make it later, that's OK. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/03/2005 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Tuesday

That's great. I'll probably come by between 2 and 3 if that's ok. I look forward to seeing you, even if only briefly. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 5:23 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Tuesday

Tova:

I should be available during the mid to late afternoon, provided we are not besieged with election-related calls. Regardless, I can provide the file with the news clippings for your review.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

11/03/2005 02:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject tuesday

Hi Peg,

I will be down in DC next Tuesday for a meeting. I wonder if it would be useful for me to come by -- I think you mentioned at one point you had a big collection of articles. It would be great to be able to take a look at them. I'm available mid to late afternoon. Let me know.

Any word on the contract situation?

Thanks.

**Tova Andrea Wang**  
Senior Program Officer and Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

11/21/2005 05:47 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: In-Person Meeting

I probably could give two to three days in January.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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> As I mentioned to Job earlier, I think we need to  
> meet as soon as possible  
> in order to develop and pare down our lists of who  
> we want to interview,  
> determine how we are going to go about doing the  
> interviews (in-person,  
> phone, email), schedule such meetings, decide what  
> themes we agree to  
> discuss with them; go over existing research and how  
> we will work on  
> summarizing existing findings; hammer out what is  
> within the scope of our  
> research; meet with the intern and law clerk;  
> discuss how we are going to do  
> the case law research; etc. Up to now, we both  
> agreed, we have been  
> operating in a bit of a void. We've been trying to  
> do this meeting for  
> months.

>  
> Is it that you think we can combine this meeting  
> with a meeting with Craig?  
> I actually think they need to be separate since I  
> think both will be very  
> laborious and very different in nature.  
>  
> However, I will defer to whatever you, Peg, think  
> best. I don't fee so  
> strongly about it that I will be extremely upset if  
> we wait until January.

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> Thanks.  
>  
> Tova

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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 5:09 PM  
> To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
> Subject: Re: In-Person Meeting

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> Job and Tova:  
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> If you both agree, a meeting in early January in  
> lieu of a December meeting  
> would be fine with me. As it would be good for you  
> two to pick Craig  
> Donsanto's brain when you are here, I'll find out  
> when he is not available  
> so that we can avoid that time.

>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> Fax: 202-566-3127  
> email: psims@eac.gov

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 11/21/2005 04:02 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Word Search Terms

> What do you think about moving the meeting to  
> January  
> after all of the holidays?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > Thanks for the update. I'll let Tamar know. ---  
> > Peggy

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > 11/21/2005 12:07 PM

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc

> > Subject  
> > Word Search Terms

> > Peggy:

> > I sent the words search terms to Tova yesterday to  
> > review. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do  
> > so  
> > until late today or tomorrow. Consequently, I need  
> > to  
> > wait to send them to you.

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> >  
> > As far as a trip to DC goes, I gave Tova two  
> > possible  
> > dates---Friday December 16 or Monday December 19.  
> >  
> > Regards,  
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> > Job  
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"Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
v>  
11/16/2005 05:58 PM

To "Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov"  
<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "psims@eac.gov"  
<psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting  
Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Noel --

This forwards a long request from Peg Sims, formerly of FEC's Office of  
Election Administration and currently with the EAC.

The long and the short of her est is that EAC is required by HAVA to conduct  
research into election fraud, Peg has been put in charge of this project, and  
EAC through Peg want me to provide them input to this EAC activity.

I would be delighted to do this.

My question for you is whether I can just do this, or doAC have to submit a  
more formal request. If the latter, to whom should it be sent??

Thanks Chief.

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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@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed Nov 16 17:34:08 2005  
Subject: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter

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Intimidation

Hi, Craig:

As I mentioned in my telephone call earlier today, I have been assigned to manage the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) preliminary research project on voting fraud and voter intimidation. I know these are subjects with which you are intimately familiar and recognize that the project needs the information and insights that you can provide, so I am asking for your help.

As you know, section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are:

- \* nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and

- \* identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) 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 background research to the working group;

- \* convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic;

- \* 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;

- \* draft the project scope and Statement of Work for future research on these topics, if EAC decides to pursue one or more recommendations for future research.

At minimum, I hope that you can serve as an information resource for the team

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of two EAC consultants hired to conduct the research and me. I also would like to explore the feasibility of your participation in meetings of the project working group.

If EAC needs to submit a more formal request for your help, please advise me how to do so. Also, it would help me to know if there are any restrictions on your participation, other than anticipated restrictions on the time you have available.

Let me know if you have any questions about this request or the research project. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you are doing well.

Regards,

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/05/2005 05:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov  
Subject fraud/intimidation project



tw plan 1005.doc Attached please find the revised work plan and schedule. Let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggested changes. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
11/03/2005 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Question

Peggy and Julie:

Were the contracts approved yet? Also, someone at the EAC was going to tell us how long it will take to process our Oct 25 invoices.

Job

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**Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 10:33 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference

Last email and then I have to get back to paying attention in class. (!) As I remember, Devon was going to do the Nexis search. Is that still the case?

Thanks,  
Tamar Nedzar  
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<http://www.eac.gov>  
[TNedzar@eac.gov](mailto:TNedzar@eac.gov)

-----Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
Date: 11/29/2005 02:27PM  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Tamar:

I will try to set up the teleconference for tomorrow. I'll confirm the time, once I hear back from Tova and Job regarding the times you thought you would be available. Below is the search term attachment that you did not receive with the earlier email. Tova later noted that everywhere we have a term, such as African American and .... or Latino and .... we should also have the following:

Asian American (and if possible, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese)  
Native American  
Indian  
Indian Country

We may receive a revised search term listing before our teleconference, in which case I will forward it to you. Also attached is a separate list of search terms proposed for a Nexis search, which I received just today.

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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

**Tamar  
Nedzar/EAC/GO**  
V  
11/29/2005 10:52  
AM

ToMargaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

SubjectRe: Teleconference

Hi Peggy,

I got the email, but not the attachment..

This week, I will be in the office on Friday, but can participate in a conference call during the following times:

Today: Any time after 4 PM  
Wednesday: Between 12 and 1 and any time after 3:30 PM  
Thursday: Any time after 4 PM  
Friday: I'm in the office

Hope one of those times works!

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-----Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
Date: 11/28/2005 11:49AM  
Subject: Teleconference

Tamar:

The contractors for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research want to have another teleconference involving you this week. I have received an initial list of search terms (see attached), but have some questions about why some items are on the list (e.g.; overvotes, undervotes, paper & ballot).

I've forgotten when you usually come in. Even if you are not in the office, perhaps you might be available by phone. When might you NOT be available?

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Word Search Terms DRAFT 11-22-05.doc nexis word search 1128.doc  
— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:10 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
10/31/2005 03:26 PM

To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject Addition

Julie/Peggy:

In addition to my question about completion of our contracts---I am wondering whether you had a chance to address the working group issue and the law clerk issue?

Also, Peggy have you been able to get a response from DOJ?

Regards,

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:10 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/04/2005 03:44 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

Hi Peg,

I'm sorry to bother you with this, but the EAC receptionist will not put me through to Diana and she has not responded to my email. Do you know if she got my EFT fax? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 3:55 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Invoices and Payments

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Job and Tova;

The attorneys have advised me that each of you should amend your invoice to indicate the total hours worked (20) during the first month. You should submit a letter ASAP to Diana Scott with that clarification.

I have been told that it takes our agent, the General Services Administration (GSA), two to three weeks to process our requests for payment. I understand that using the electronic funds transfer (EFT) process will reduce the time for payment by up to five days, because it takes additional time for GSA to cut and mail a paper check.

Diana does not have a completed EFT form from either of you, which would permit the electronic transfer of the funds directly to your chosen bank account. I can find no evidence that Karen suggested you should submit the form, so I have attached a blank form below. Please complete it and return it with the invoice amendment to Diana. If you have any questions about how to fill out the EFT form, let me know. I'll do my best to help you out.

I understand that the contract matters are moving forward. I hope to have more news for you on Monday afternoon.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
08/23/2005 05:58 PM

To klynndyson@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Kick off activities for the EAC Voting fraud/voter intimidation project

Karen and Tom,

Thanks so much. I am looking forward to working with you and my co-consultants on what I think is an extremely important topic.

I am pretty much available any day that week except Monday the 12th, so whatever is most convenient for everyone else any other day is fine by me. Please let me know the contract specifics when possible so I

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Based on your feedback, I would like to schedule a teleconference among the three of us at 3:30 PM EST today --- to discuss any remaining issues regarding what we mean by voting fraud and voter intimidation, and what we want in the search terms. Then, I can bring Tamar and Devon in to join us at 3:45. Does that work for you two?

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/30/2005 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Wednesday Teleconference

Sounds good. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2005 8:41 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Wednesday Teleconference

Based on your feedback, I would like to schedule a teleconference among the three of us at 3:30 PM EST today --- to discuss any remaining issues regarding what we mean by voting fraud and voter intimidation, and what we want in the search terms. Then, I can bring Tamar and Devon in to join us at 3:45. Does that work for you two?

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

10/31/2005 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Teleconference Needed

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/17/2005 02:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Fine by me. Thanks.Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2005 2:33 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net

**Subject:** Teleconference

How about 2 PM EST tomorrow (Friday)? I'll call each of you and bring you into the conference.

--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

11/29/2005 06:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Peggy:

I think that you have hit the major problem in voter fraud---the federal/state system. We are essentially operating under state laws that control federal elections. Administrative mistakes can amount to voter fraud because the state system controls voting procedure. I must strongly disagree with you as to whether de facto or quasi fraud needs anything else. In my 15 years of election practice and administration it needed nothing else.

We can discuss the rest of your additions to our difinition at our conference call.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> The Law Clerk's name is Tamar Nedzar. She is very  
> sharp. Our intern's  
> name is Devon Romig.  
>  
> Tamar has the most recent lists of search terms and  
> may have questions  
> about them. Devon will need to know how you want  
> the press clippings  
> sorted by type of voting fraud. I think we need to  
> give her a specific  
> list. that, I hope, will not overlap. For example,  
> do you want her to  
> sort using the term Absentee Ballot  
> Fraud when that can involve voter  
> intimidation/coercion/undue influence,  
> vote buying, ballot tampering, and ballot box  
> stuffing (by voting in the  
> name of another or under a fictitious name).  
>  
> We need to discuss this because I am concerned that  
> we currently do not  
> have a full written description of what does and  
> does not constitute  
> voting fraud and voter intimidation. The current  
> written definition  
> excludes voter registration shenanigans; yet, voter  
> registration  
> applications submitted with fictitious names or that  
> falsely affirm  
> eligibility to vote are considered election crimes  
> that can have an impact  
> on election results. Specifically, they are used in  
> schemes to vote more  
> than once or to have ineligible persons participate  
> in voting. Also, an  
> increasing number of States are including as an  
> election crime the knowing  
> and willful destruction of voter registration  
> applications by voter  
> registration drives and their failure to transmit  
> such applications to the  
> election office in a timely manner.  
>  
> If we define voting fraud as any illegal act that  
> has a clear and direct  
> distorting impact on the election results, then  
> administrative mistakes  
> that violate federal or State law could be included.  
> For federal  
> elections, administrative mistakes definitely are  
> not considered voting  
> fraud. The examples provided for "de facto" fraud  
> and "quasi" fraud also  
> are not likely to be considered part of voting fraud  
> and voter  
> intimidation without evidence that there also is  
> ballot box stuffing, vote

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> buying, tampering with ballots or vote tallies,  
> voter intimidation, etc.  
> Although a number of things other than voting fraud  
> and voter intimidation  
> can (and do) distort election results, EAC is  
> handling such issues under  
> separate research efforts.  
>  
> For your information, I have attached a speech  
> presented by Craig Donsanto  
> (complete with typos) that addresses the issue of  
> defining voting fraud.  
> Perhaps it will be of interest to you.  
>  
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**Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 10:18 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Updated Word Search List 

Home should work, but the number you have is my old number. The new one is (703) 979-1863.

I'll talk to you at 3:45!

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-----Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV@EAC

From: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Date: 11/30/2005 08:50AM

Subject: Fw: Updated Word Search List

Tamar:

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Here is an updated word search list for the case law/administrative decisions search. I am still trying to confirm the time for the teleconference. As it stands right now, I will probably call you at 3:45 PM today. I should call your home phone (703-528-1863), right?

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**"Job Serebrov"**

[REDACTED]

>  
11/29/2005 07:07 PM

Towang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Updated Word Search List

Peggy & Tova:

Here is the updated case law word search list.

Job



Word Search Terms.doc


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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

10/24/2005 11:31 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Karen  
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, Carol A.  
Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Invoice information 

Whatever happened to the training we were going to have on this and other aspects of recordkeeping for our contracts, or are we supposed to find this information as best we can? Also, what is the status of the contracts with Job and Tova. Can they submit an invoice without a signed contract? --- Peggy

Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV

**Juliet E.  
Thompson/EAC/GOV**  
10/24/2005 10:17 AM

To Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret  
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

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Subject Invoice information

Peggy & Edgardo,

I got an email and call from Job Serebrov this morning. I have meant to ask you two to get together on the invoice information. I know that we do not currently have a "standard", but I thought that the information that Edgardo gave out to Contractors was quite good. Perhaps Edgardo could just jot down his information in email format and send it to Tova and Job. I have Job's email if that would be helpful.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/29/2005 11:37 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject intern and law clerk

Do you know yet if we will be able to speak to them today or tomorrow? Thanks. Tova

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Karen  
Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV  
11/09/2005 12:57 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Fw: Call from Paul Vinovich

That saga continues :-)

Karen Lynn-Dyson

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— Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 11/08/2005 12:56 PM —



Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

11/09/2005 12:40 PM

To Paul DeGregorio/EAC/GOV@EAC, Donetta L. Davidson/EAC/GOV, Raymundo Martinez/EAC/GOV, Juliet E. Thompson/EAC/GOV, Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV  
cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

Subject Re: Call from Paul Vinovich

What Paul V said is NOT at all an accurate statement of what Tova said. I was there. This is very dissappointing to read. I may call Mr. V myself.

I watched and heard what was said and by whom. I will be glad to brief you tomorrow morning.

-----  
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Paul DeGregorio

**From:** Paul DeGregorio  
**Sent:** 11/09/2005 11:28 AM  
**To:** Gracia Hillman; Donetta Davidson; Raymundo Martinez; Juliet Thompson; Thomas Wilkey  
**Cc:** Karen Lynn-Dyson  
**Subject:** Call from Paul Vinovich

I took a telephone call this morning from Paul Vinovich. He had attempted to reach Gracia, but since she was not here, he asked Sheila if I was in the office so he spoke to me.

Paul was very upset with comments that Tova Wang had made at yesterday's AEI's meeting in which she basically indicated that voter fraud did not exist in the USA. He asked how a person who believes that voter fraud does not exist--or not seem at least willing to listen to both sides--can be hired by the EAC to do a study on voter fraud/voter intimidation. I explained to Paul (as I have now had to explain to many others) that Tova was "balanced" on the study with Job Severbrov. He did not know Job but was well-aware of Tova's positions and was concerned that her public comments indicate that she will not be fair in looking at this issue. I explained to Paul that we were monitoring the work of our consultants on this study and no report would be issued publicly without the support of at least three commissioners. I sent him some background information on Job. I think this study will need close monitoring.

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"Job Serebrov"

10/03/2005 01:20 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Meetings

Peggy:

I just received an e-mail from Tova. She is also ok with the 28th which is better for me.

I am interested in your answer to her question about work product.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I am available for a 3-way teleconference after Noon  
> on Wednesday this  
> week. My schedule on Thursday and Friday is  
> flexible, as well. When  
> would be best for you two? I can call the telephone  
> numbers you prefer  
> and set up the conference call from my desk.  
>  
> Both the 24th or the 28th are fine with me for the  
> face-to-face meeting.  
> Which do you prefer? If you have no preference, I  
> suggest we pick the  
> earlier of the two.  
>  
> Regarding your contracts, I understand that the  
> contract will carry the  
> date of 9/25/05. All contracts have to be signed by  
> the Chair, who has  
> been out of the office on Commission business. I  
> have been told that she  
> will sign off on your contracts, among others,  
> today. Our financial  
> officer will send it to you after that. I'll try to  
> obtain copies and fax  
> the appropriate one to you as soon as they have been  
> signed.  
>  
> Regarding your pay, the contract will state that you  
> should submit a  
> monthly invoice to EAC for payment of your fee for  
> that month. The  
> contract is for 6 months, so our Finance Officer,

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> Diana Scott, wants you  
> to submit an invoice to her each month for 1/6th of  
> the total payment,  
> beginning 10/25/05.  
>  
> I look forward to talking again with the two of you.  
>  
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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 10/03/2005 10:08 AM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Peggy:  
>  
> Just spoke with Tova. We would like to have a three  
> way telephone conference with you this week if  
> possible. The best dates for our face to face are  
> Oct  
> 24th or 28th. Please let me know what works for you.  
>  
>  
> Talk with you when you get answers to my questions.  
>  
> Regards,  
>  
> Job  
>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/11/2005 02:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Address for Federal Express

You can send it to The Century Foundation, that's fine. For future reference, I have a doorman so sending stuff to my house is fine too. Thank you! Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Date: Tue, 11 Oct 2005 13:41:38 -0400  
Subject: Address for Federal Express

Tova:

I am about to Federal Express some material to you. Should I use your Century Foundation address, or your apartment address? If you want it sent to your apartment, Is it OK for Fed Ex to leave the Fed Ex at your apartment building or should I mark it to be held for pick up at the nearest Fed Ex office?

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"Tova Wang"  
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10/03/2005 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

That's the right number. On the 14th I do want to be on by phone. I probably will only be able to be on for the beginning though. I may be able to rejoin again at the end. Will someone be taking notes?

Thanks for everything. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2005 3:42 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

I will initiate the calls to you two on Wednesday. The number I have for Tova is [REDACTED]  
For Job, I have [REDACTED] Let me know if I should use a different number for you on

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Wednesday.

Thanks, Tova, for the copy of the draft workplan you provided to Karen. I'll take a look at it and, hopefully, provide some feedback on Wednesday. I have not yet caught up to all the paperwork and emails that preceded my assignment to this project. Karen just handed me a folder full of documents that should help.

I think you may have received an email from Nicole Mortellito regarding an October 14 meeting. If you two cannot come in person but can attend via phone, just let me know. Nicole's message has information regarding hotel rates that conflicts with what I've just sent you. I've asked her to double check her information because I have another contractor that has had no problem obtaining government rate at hotels.

Yes, you will be paid on a monthly basis. You can file your first invoice on October 25, according to Diana Scott.

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

10/03/2005 03:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc ggilmour@eac.gov  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Peg, This all sounds good. Will you be calling us on Wednesday?

I should not need a hotel for the 28th. Just let me know what time. Are there expense forms we should have for reimbursement?

On the work product, we did send Karen a very preliminary draft of a work plan. I attach it again here and we can talk about it more on Wednesday.

My only money question is, are we being paid on a monthly basis? And if so, when does that begin? I assume this all is in the contracts we'll be getting...

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Thanks.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2005 2:48 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** ggilmour@eac.gov

**Subject:** Voting Fraud Teleconference-Meeting-Work Schedule

Tova and Job:

**Teleconference -**

Let's schedule the teleconference for 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5. Gavin Gilmour will join us.

**Meeting -**

October 28 is fine for the face-to-face meeting in DC. We have allocated \$5,000 to each of you to cover reasonable and necessary travel and other incidental expenses. Expenses claimed for reimbursement need to be itemized, with appropriate receipts provided. You should be able to obtain the Federal government rate at an area hotel (if you plan to stay overnight). If the hotel needs a letter from EAC (in lieu of showing them your signed contract), just let me know. Airlines apparently no longer honor government rates for government contractors. Rail carriers may provide government rates for government contractors. If you drive, the current government rate for a personally owned vehicle (POV) is 48.5 cents per mile.

**Deliverables -**

The first item on the list of deliverables is the draft project workplan, which is due ASAP after award. Would it be possible for the two of you to deliver a draft workplan to me via email by 10/11? That would be after we have had our teleconference to work out lingering questions.

**Questions for Finance -**

If you have questions for our Finance Officer, you can reach her via email at dscott@eac.gov. I would appreciate it if you would cc: me on such emails, so that I know to follow up with her.

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

11/29/2005 02:15 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject nexis search

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
11/22/2005 03:28 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Word Search Terms

I'm sorry, I don't understand

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 3:22 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Word Search Terms

Peggy:

Attached are the word search terms.

Job

Tova:

I placed the few words that you added in the middle of my list into my existing file so some terms are out of order from the last list that you sent me.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
11/28/2005 05:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: September invoice

I wasn't sure what it should be since we weren't doing the 20 hours a week at that point. Should it be the

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same amount?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2005 4:50 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: September invoice

Tova:

I received your faxed invoices, but the one for the pay period September 1-30, 2005 is missing the total dollar amount claimed. Would you please send that one again, with the dollar amount inserted? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

11/28/2005 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject September invoice

Hi Peg:

I'm faxing you the September and October invoices. I will fax you the November one on Wednesday. Thanks. Tova

The following was done in September in furtherance of a project Providing Consulting Services in the Development of a Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Project # E4019698

Invoice # 1: September 1, 2005-September 30, 2005

50 hours:

September Time Spent on EAC Project

Preparation for two teleconferences;

Two teleconferences and calls with Job;

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Calls with EAC staff

Conceptualize project;

Draft work plan;

Draft preliminary definition of fraud;

Background research into vote fraud & voter intimidation.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2005 2:25 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Personal Services Invoices-Travel Vouchers-Other Expenses

Job and Tova:

I've been busy seeking answers from our attorneys and our Finance Officer, Diana Scott, regarding your reimbursement questions. The results follow:

#### **Invoices/Vouchers for Personal Services**

In order to meet legal requirements and provide what is needed by our Finance Officer, we have developed the attached form that you may use for your monthly invoices for consulting services on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project. This form is optional. If you prefer, you can provide the same information in a letter. Please see your contract for specifics regarding hours that can be worked and compensation.

I also confirmed with Diana Scott that under the contract recently ratified, EAC considers that your service began on September 1, 2005. Consequently, **you do not have to wait until the 25th of the month** to file your vouchers for services provided during the previous month. Each voucher should cover one month, and may be filed immediately after the end of the month.

If you fax your invoice/voucher for personal services to me, please drop the original in the mail. We can begin processing your voucher based on the fax, but would like to have the original document for our files.

#### **Travel Authorizations and Vouchers**

Apparently, we need to prepare travel authorizations for any travel that you do on behalf of this project. I know how to prepare them, but will need input from you for each trip regarding the expected costs of transportation (separate costs of airfare, train fare, ground transportation), hotel (including taxes), other expected travel expenses (e.g.; airport parking), the points between which you will travel, and the days of travel. I'll prepare the authorization based on this information and put it into the pipeline for the appropriate officials' signatures. Once it is signed, I will fax a copy to you. **It is important that we work together to prepare these authorizations well in advance of the travel dates.**

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Once the travel is concluded, we can prepare the travel vouchers to obtain reimbursement for your travel costs, in accordance with federal travel regulations. You will need to send me your receipts for the hotel, the plane or train, ground transportation (if you did not use your personal vehicle), and parking (if you parked at the airport). You will get a set amount for meals, so you do not need to provide meal receipts. I will prepare the voucher and fax it to you for your signature. If you see any problems with the voucher, this is the time to fix them. Once you are satisfied with the voucher, you will need to return the signed voucher by mail or in person. I'll attach the receipts you provided and a copy of the travel authorization, and send it forward for processing.

### Other Expenses

Because your contracts do not provide for the reimbursement of other expenses, we have to look for other ways to deal with them.

For the publications, there are two options: (1) you can pay for them yourself and mark them up as you please; or (2) I can find them in our library or order them through our supply person. Anything paid for by EAC is EAC property, which would mean turning them over to EAC with no marks in them.

If you need to messenger items to accomplish the work under contract, I can authorize the use of EAC's Federal Express account number on a case-by-case basis. I'll need some advance notice and will have to supply our finance folks with the tracking number, who is sending the package, to whom, and when. That way, they won't be surprised when they see item on the FedEx invoice. (An easy way to provide all the information would be to fax a copy of the FedEx Airbill to me.)

At this time, our consultants pay their phone expenses out of their personal services compensation. When it works for you, we can bypass the need for you to incur phone charges by using EAC's teleconferencing capabilities.

**Hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving !**

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/30/2005 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject monthly report

Please see attached. I will be faxing my invoice. Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

11/16/2005 09:18 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov), [dscott@eac.gov](mailto:dscott@eac.gov)

cc

Subject travel expense pre-approval request

I will be down in DC 12/1-12/2 to speak at an election reform conference. While my major expenses will be charged to this other project, while I am there I would like to meet with a couple of people who are on our list of experts to interview. Would it be possible to get reimbursed for my travel within DC? For example, I'll be staying at the Capitol Hilton and one of the interviewees is a professor out at American University. Please let me know.

Also, I would still like to know if expenses unrelated to travel should simply be added to our monthly invoices.

Thanks.

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10/25/2005 02:29 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: wg 

Tova:

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If you have to spend time and effort pulling the information together, let's wait until the contract is signed.  
If you already have the information on hand, please forward it to me.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/24/2005 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Do you want the information on the proposed working group members you requested (their backgrounds on this issue) now or should I wait until the contract situation is clear? I understand more information on that is forthcoming imminently.

Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
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11/03/2005 03:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject tuesday

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Hi Peg,

I will be down in DC next Tuesday for a meeting. I wonder if it would be useful for me to come by -- I think you mentioned at one point you had a big collection of articles. It would be great to be able to take a look at them. I'm available mid to late afternoon. Let me know.

Any word on the contract situation?

Thanks.

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/03/2005 06:23 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Tuesday

Tova:

I should be available during the mid to late afternoon, provided we are not besieged with election-related calls. Regardless, I can provide the file with the news clippings for your review.

--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

11/03/2005 02:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject tuesday

Hi Peg,

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/21/2005 03:26 PM

To Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Voter Fraud/Intimidation 

Tamar:

Job notified me today that he had sent the key word search terms to Tova yesterday to review. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do so until late today or tomorrow. Consequently, he needs to wait to send them to me. I'll let you know as soon as I know. --- Peggy

Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

**Tamar Nedzar /EAC/GOV**

11/21/2005 02:58 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud/Intimidation

Hi Peggy,

Just wondering if you had heard anything from Tova and Job about the terms they want me to search for on Lexis. If they don't get back to you today, just forward anything they send you to this email. I check it at least once a day and can do work from home.

Thanks,

Tamar Nedzar  
Law Clerk

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> Job:  
>  
> I am about to Federal Express some material to you.  
> Is it OK for Fed Ex  
> to leave the package at your Spring Street address,  
> or should I mark it to  
> be held for pick up at the nearest Fed Ex office?  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

11/30/2005 11:00 AM

To Devon E. Romig/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Nexis Search Terms

Devon:

In preparation for this afternoon's teleconference, you may want to review the attached list of Nexis search terms. If you have any questions, we can discuss them before the teleconference or, if I can't provide answers, we can ask our consultants who prepared the list. --- Peggy



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**wang@tcf.org**

10/17/2005 11:08 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject working group

Hi Peg,

I'd like to talk to you briefly about the development of the working group when you have a moment. I understand you are in a meeting right now -- is there a good time for me to give you a buzz today and/or tomorrow? Thanks so much. Tova

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**Diana Scott/EAC/GOV**

11/18/2005 03:15 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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cc

Subject Contract:/invoice: Job Serebrov

Peggy,

Serebrov has submitted a few versions of his invoice via email. I will provide you with paper copies of his emails. As we have been speaking recently about this, his invoice should contain:

Date

name and address of payee

Act Number that is on the contract

Detailed description of services rendered --no 1 or 2 liners

\$ amount of invoice

If invoice amount contains any reimbursement for travel expenses, the expenses need to be itemized (and of course, pre-approved). These expenses should not be on a travel voucher *although the legal dept. stated that in the SOW. This is not so.*

Finally, we previously required vendors to submit invoices via the mail. However, in the recently revised contracts, the legal dept. omitted this and used language "should be delivered" instead. I am not entertaining any invoice via email. I have brought this to Julie's attention.

Diana M. Scott  
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dscott@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

11/10/2005 03:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Letters Were Signed

And they say there is no Santa Claus

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:

>

> The Chair signed your letters this afternoon. Diana

> Scott has them and

> plans to fax everything to you. Have a good

> weekend!

>

> Peggy Sims

> Research Specialist

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"Job Serebrov"

11/29/2005 05:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Only between 3:30 and 5:30

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> Are you two available for a teleconference with our  
> Law Clerk and Intern  
> tomorrow at either of the times listed below?  
>  
> Between 12 and 1 PM EST; or  
> Any time between 3:30 and 5:30 PM EST  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 05:08 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

Wang  
cc

Tova Andrea

Subject Re: In-Person Meeting

Job and Tova:

If you both agree, a meeting in early January in lieu of a December meeting would be fine with me. As it

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> As far as a trip to DC goes, I gave Tova two  
> possible  
> dates---Friday December 16 or Monday December 19.  
>  
> Regards,  
>  
> Job  
>  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

11/10/2005 02:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Contracts Update

Peggy:

Any word from finance as to the status of the  
contracts?

Job

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:09 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/21/2005 03:27 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: Word Search Terms [icon]

Thanks for the update. I'll let Tamar know. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

11/21/2005 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Word Search Terms

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Peggy:

I sent the words search terms to Tova yesterday to review. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do so until late today or tomorrow. Consequently, I need to wait to send them to you.

As far as a trip to DC goes, I gave Tova two possible dates---Friday December 16 or Monday December 19.

Regards,

Job


--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/07/2007 04:09 PM ---

**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/21/2005 04:57 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Invoices 

Dear Job:

I checked with the finance folks regarding your question about when you should submit your next invoice. They told me that it will not help to submit the invoice early because not all of the people who need to sign off on it will be in the office.

Also, Friday evening, Diana Scott asked for more information on your invoice (perhaps based on feedback from GSA). In addition to the total hours and total dollar amount that you have provided in your second email, she needs:

- Date of Invoice
- Name and Address of Payee
- Act Number, which is listed on your contract (E4019698)
- Pay Period
- # of days on which you worked

Diana also told me on Friday that she is not sure she can accept invoices by email. Until I can confirm with our attorneys that email is OK, I suggest that you fax the amended invoice and future invoices to me at the fax number listed below, and send the original by mail.

I understand that all of this back-and-forth must be as aggravating to you as to me. I am working with folks here to develop a form that you may use for invoices that will provide all of the information that our finance folks and GSA need. (We have not located a government form that we can use for personal services contracts.) The form would be strictly optional. Alternatively, you could send a letter that provides the same information. I also have reminded people about the federal government's prompt payment requirements. Although we have to process all of our payments through our agent, GSA, we remain bound by these provisions.

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Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV

11/29/2005 04:55 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern 

We have initiated research projects on:

- Provisional Ballots and Voter ID;
- Laws and Practices Regarding Vote Counting (including pre-election testing, security, post-election audits), Recounts, and Contested Elections;
- Management Guidelines for Voting Systems;
- Technical Issues in the Implementation of the Statewide Voter Registration Database; and
- Pollworker Recruitment, Training, and Retention.

At minimum, I think we need to look at knowing and willful violations. Mistakes involving misunderstandings; unintentional errors in processing voter registration applications, absentee ballots, or provisional ballots; unintentional election coding errors on vote counting programs; unintentional errors in preparing or distributing ballots and voting equipment; unintentional errors in preparing vote tallies; and badly trained poll workers do not rise to the level of voting fraud--- though they can definitely affect the integrity of the election.

Although some Voting Rights Act provisions are used to prosecute voter intimidation, the Department of Justice's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, also has initiated action against States for failure to properly implement other provisions of the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act (including the list maintenance requirements) and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Failure of States and local jurisdictions to properly implement these provisions is not considered voting fraud, but is actionable.

We do have gaps in federal election crimes laws, however. For example, I remember when we first saw votes being auctioned on ebay and when we heard of voter registration drives destroying or failing to turn in voter registration applications they had collected, there was concern that current law did not provide leverage for federal prosecution. As it turned out, State prosecution under State election laws was more effective in those cases.

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email: psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/29/2005 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

Can you give us a better idea of the other EAC research projects that you think we might overlap with if we include these activities? Job and I had strong reasons for what we did and did not include and how we wanted to frame the term fraud, so we do indeed need to discuss this -- perhaps before or after the discussion with Tamar and Devon?

Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2005 3:18 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Teleconference With Legal Clerk and Intern

The Law Clerk's name is Tamar Nedzar. She is very sharp. Our intern's name is Devon Romig.

Tamar has the most recent lists of search terms and may have questions about them. Devon will need to know how you want the press clippings sorted by type of voting fraud. I think we need to give her a specific list. that, I hope, will not overlap. For example, do you want her to sort using the term Absentee Ballot

Fraud when that can involve voter intimidation/coercion/undue influence, vote buying, ballot tampering, and ballot box stuffing (by voting in the name of another or under a fictitious name).

We need to discuss this because I am concerned that we currently do not have a full written description of what does and does not constitute voting fraud and voter intimidation. The current written definition excludes voter registration shenanigans; yet, voter registration applications submitted with fictitious names or that falsely affirm eligibility to vote are considered election crimes that can have an impact on election results. Specifically, they are used in schemes to vote more than once or to have ineligible persons participate in voting. Also, an increasing number of States are including as an election crime the knowing and willful destruction of voter registration applications by voter registration drives and their failure to transmit such applications to the election office in a timely manner.

If we define voting fraud as any illegal act that has a clear and direct distorting impact on the election results, then administrative mistakes that violate federal or State law could be included. For federal elections, administrative mistakes definitely are not considered voting fraud. The examples provided for "de facto" fraud and "quasi" fraud also are not likely to be considered part of voting fraud and voter intimidation without evidence that there also is ballot box stuffing, vote buying, tampering with ballots or vote tallies, voter intimidation, etc. Although a number of things other than voting fraud and voter intimidation can (and do) distort election results, EAC is handling

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such issues under separate research efforts.

For your information, I have attached a speech presented by Craig Donsanto (complete with typos) that addresses the issue of defining voting fraud. Perhaps it will be of interest to you.

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"Job Serebrov"

10/19/2005 11:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Travel to DC and Proposed Working Group Members

Peggy:

What form do you want use to submit our invoice in for this month?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Dear Tova and Job:  
>  
> I have been advised by our Counsel that, since the  
> contracts have not yet  
> been signed, we will have to postpone our October  
> 28th meeting. Tova, for  
> future reference, the per diem rates for DC (the  
> Greater Washington, DC  
> area) can be accessed through that web site I  
> provided by clicking on the  
> District of Columbia link on the map.  
>  
> I also have to ask you to hold any further efforts  
> on the Working Group  
> until further notice. We are going to have to limit  
> the number in the  
> group to no more than six. EAC has to pay for the  
> travel for these folks  
> out of FY 2006 dollars. The agency currently is  
> operating under a  
> continuing resolution, and may not have its FY 2006  
> budget until December  
> 2005 , or later. When you submit the names of

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> possible Working Group  
> members, I will need a summary of their work in  
> studying or enforcing laws  
> against voting fraud and voter intimidation. (It is  
> not sufficient to  
> have expressed an interest in these matters, we need  
> experienced folks.)  
> The working group can include nonpartisan members,  
> so long as any  
> partisan-leaning members are balanced (i.e.; 1 R for  
> 1 D).  
>  
> I am sorry for any inconvenience that this may  
> cause. I wish I had the  
> power to change the situation, but I don't.  
>  
> Peggy Sims  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/14/2005 10:59 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject

Hi Peggy,

Just an FYI -- Job and I have developed our own draft of a definition of fraud and intimidation and are working on compiling existing research. With respect to the working group, I have sent him the names and bios of my first choices, most of whom I have not yet spoken to. My thought was that I would have you vet them before asking them if they could do it, so I wouldn't have to turn around and say no. I have plenty of "plan B" people should some of my first choices not work out. Job has gone ahead and inquired as to people's availability before putting them on his list, which he expects to send me today.

Hope you had a great weekend.

Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2005 4:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Contract Issues-Government Per Diem Rates

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phone from home on the Job and Tova call. I have also asked Gavin to sit in as the drugs have left me a little foggy.

Let me know if you will call me or if I need to call you.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/18/2005 03:06 PM

To Donetta Davidson

cc Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: RESPONSE REQUESTED-Working Group for Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project

Dear Commissioner Davidson:

Attached is the earlier email requesting feedback on potential Working Group members for the voting fraud and voter intimidation research project. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 11/18/2005 03:03 PM -----

**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/16/2005 01:12 PM

To Gracia Hillman, Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson

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Subject RESPONSE REQUESTED-Working Group for Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Project

Dear Commissioners:

The consultants' contracts for EAC's voting fraud and voter intimidation project require Tova Wang and Job Serebrov to work in consultation with EAC staff and the Commissioners "to identify a working group of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation". The contracts do not specify the number of working group members but, as EAC has to pay for the group's travel and we want the size of the group to be manageable, I recommend that we limit the number to 6 or 8. **Please let me know if you think that this limit is too conservative** .

Attached **for your review and comment** are two lists of potential working group members for this project. One list was submitted by Job, the other by Tova. Tova and Job have provided brief summaries of each candidate's relevant experience and have placed asterisks next to the names of the individuals whom they particularly recommend. I can provide more extensive biographies of these individuals, if you need them. If EAC agrees that the recommended working group members are acceptable, an equal number may be selected from each list in order to maintain a balanced perspective.

Absent from the attached lists is the name of a representative from the U.S. Department of Justice's Election Crimes Branch. At this time, I am working through the DOJ bureaucracy to determine to what degree Craig Donsanto will be permitted to participate. If he cannot be named as a working group

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member, we may still be able to use him as a resource.

Please provide your feedback to me no later than Monday , November 28. I am available to meet with you if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Peggy Sims  
Research Specialist



Possible Working Group Members -Serebrov.doc Possible Working Group Members- Wang.doc  
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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/21/2005 02:20 PM

To Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

Attached is Jeannie's edited version of the letter to DOJ. Would you please copy it to your file, accept all changes, and run it on the Chair's letterhead. Once she signs it, I will want to fax a copy to Donsanto and send the original by mail. Thanks. --- Peggy

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**Jeannie Layson /EAC/GOV**

11/21/2005 02:17 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DOJ

Peg,  
My suggested edits are attached.



Chair Ltr to Donsanto-DRAFT jil edits.doc  
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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**

11/03/2005 06:07 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

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I think Diana Scott needs the original with the original signature. If you want to fax a copy to her, as well, fax it to her at 202-566-3127. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/03/2005 04:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

Do we need to mail you the original of the EFT form? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, November 03, 2005 3:55 PM

**To:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Invoices and Payments

Job and Tova;

The attorneys have advised me that each of you should amend your invoice to indicate the total hours worked (20) during the first month. You should submit a letter ASAP to Diana Scott with that clarification.

I have been told that it takes our agent, the General Services Administration (GSA), two to three weeks to process our requests for payment. I understand that using the electronic funds transfer (EFT) process will reduce the time for payment by up to five days, because it takes additional time for GSA to cut and mail a paper check.

Diana does not have a completed EFT form from either of you, which would permit the electronic transfer of the funds directly to your chosen bank account. I can find no evidence that Karen suggested you should submit the form, so I have attached a blank form below. Please complete it and return it with the invoice amendment to Diana. If you have any questions about how to fill out the EFT form, let me know. I'll do my best to help you out.

I understand that the contract matters are moving forward. I hope to have more news for you on Monday afternoon.

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09/27/2005 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, klyndyson@eac.gov, nmortellito@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject

Hi Peg, Nicole and Karen,

Just FYI, I will be out of the office after today for the rest of the week (actually speaking at conferences down in DC). My cell is 917-656-7905 if you need to reach me, and I should be able to check email sporadically. Thanks

Tova

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**Margaret Sims /EAC/GOV**  
11/04/2005 05:34 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Invoices and Payments 

Tova:  
Yes, she has received your EFT fax. All is well. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/04/2005 02:44 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Invoices and Payments

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Peg:

Tova and I talked about the voter fraud project last evening and we believe that a face to face DC meeting is needed in t?e next few weeks. If you are in today, I hope to hear from you.

Regards,

Job

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"Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov"

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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11/22/2005 05:52 PM

To "Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov"

<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>, "Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov"

<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "psims@eac.gov"

<psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Hello Peg and greetings from Mexico City.

Interesting way you put that question!! When will I NOT be available!!!

Peg -- I have a speech to deliver to the Illinois Association of Election Commissioners December 7-8. After that, my wife says she will arise in protest if I don't stay put for the next couple months!!!

So I guess anytime after December 8 will work.

I hope I can help you and the EAC on this.

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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@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tue Nov 22 16:50:20 2005

Subject: Re: Requesting Your Help-Preliminary Research on Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This is just to let you know that I have drafted a letter for the Chair's signature, but she may want to make some changes before she signs. Once it is signed, I'll fax a copy to you and send the original by mail. For planning purposes, can you tell me when you don't expect to be available during the next 3 months (Dec-Feb)?

Peggy Sims

Phone: 202-566-3120 (direct)

email: psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov "

10/28/2005 10:25 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Contracts

Dear Julie and Peggy:

I am writing today to see if the contracts have finally been approved. Julie, you had indicated several days ago that your staff would take a few days to complete its review. Completion of the contract process affects our ability to proceed to month two scheduled work and, just as important, our getting paid by mid-November---which is financially critical at this point. Finally, I will need a copy of the contract by next week for the final stage of an interview process. The amount I am being paid for this project in effect pushes me to the upper end of the GS rating for this position.

Peggy, when do you think the final working group members will be selected? We need to know this as many of those who were not selected will default to the group of folks that we interview.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

11/29/2005 05:04 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Thad

Tova:

Thad's research on threat assessment is not being conducted under an EAC contract. The requirement to work through EAC only applies to contact with EAC contractors about EAC research. Thad's EAC contract is for Vote Counts/Contested Elections and Recounts. At this time, the contractor is analyzing State laws and procedures and contacting appropriate federal agencies regarding any pertinent consent agreements. Currently, there are no plans to do a survey that would be subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements.

If your interest in Thad involves his non-EAC research, I would have no problem with you contacting him directly. If you think he will not respond unless I forward your request to him, I will see what I can do.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
11/29/2005 04:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject thad

Hi Peg,

I would like to talk to Thad Hall about the methodology of our research and about the threat assessment survey he is doing with Electionline and Caltech [http://www.vote.caltech.edu/media/threat\\_risk.pdf](http://www.vote.caltech.edu/media/threat_risk.pdf). Can you please facilitate that? Thanks.

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"Job Serebroy"  
[REDACTED]  
11/30/2005 10:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Wednesday Teleconference

Yesterday, before I got food poisoning , I would have said yes. While I can participate in the conference, I don't know how focused I will be.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: outline of final report [icon]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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"Job Serebrov"  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/29/2006 01:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc twilkey@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: donsanto interview

Peg, If you review the numerous speeches and writings of Donsanto, including at the BAI training sessions, you will see that in the past he has frequently said that as a matter of law and policy the Department generally only pursued organized patterns. I can point you to particular citations if you like. He clearly said when we interviewed him that there had been a shift in resources and energy. This is in both of our notes. I don't think this should be an issue of departmental politics.

Tova

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Re: donsanto interview

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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang

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for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

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Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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cc [REDACTED]@twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

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> finish this off properly.

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc dromig@eac.gov [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

Devon Romig  
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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is this OK now?  
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> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>  
> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/26/2006 06:52 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Methodology for Cases



Methodology for Case Review.doc

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?
2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?
3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/27/2006 01:31 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject definition

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"Tova Wang"  
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06/29/2006 01:00 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL, Job  
Serebrov  
cc: twilkey@eac.gov

Subject: Re: donsanto interview 

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 10:36 AM -----



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

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> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very

> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want

> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,

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> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

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> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To: Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject: Fw: Travel Funds

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:12 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To: psims@eac.gov

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Subject: Travel Funds

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

Bola Olu  
Financial Administrative Specialist  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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F:202/566-3127  
<http://www.eac.gov/>

"Integrity - Treat everyone with the same principle, be loyal to those who are not present"

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls


--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various 

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

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If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue, and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

Tova

----- Original Message -----

From: <psims@eac.gov>

To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

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> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you and  
> Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to incorporate  
> comments received on the report and other efforts that fall within the  
> tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but there  
> might be a little year end money we can use to finish this off properly.  
> Peg

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> Subject: Various

> Peg:

> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> reimbursement?

> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> statement in one interview that there is a  
> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph  
> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
> electoral investigations.

> Job

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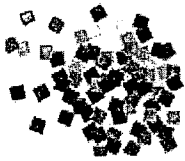
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Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov"

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07/06/2006 08:25 AM

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Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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07/03/2006 12:19 PM

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I thought I emailed an account of your hours used. Just in case I didn't, here it is again.



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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

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06/29/2006 12:07 PM


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To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Travel Funds 

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

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07/11/2006 10:55 AM

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To Devon Romig

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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>  
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

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>> -----

>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

>> Subject: Various

>>

>> Peg:

>>

>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: FW: methodology 

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy



Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:serebrov@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM

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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
> The Century Foundation  
> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
>  
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> analysis, opinions, and events.  
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> weekly e-mail updates.  
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--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report 

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks.  
Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

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not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

> Peg:  
>  
> I checked my account this morning (July 5th) and  
> this  
> still has not been paid. Did GSA mail it?  
>  
> Job

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made  
> > today. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed 

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/04/2006



"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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"Job Serebry" [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: FW: methodology

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

[REDACTED]  
Re: FW: methodology

To  
cc  
Subject

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suggest accompany the information we provide. Also enclosed would be the resolutions passed by both entities. Please let me know if the letter meets your approval. (The letter would be from Tom.)

I write to request a copy of the following two reports submitted to the Election Assistance Commission:

- (1) a report on voter fraud and voter intimidation, outlining a future research agenda, prepared by Tova Wang and Job Serebrov, and discussed in this morning's USA TODAY;
- (2) a report on provisional ballots and voter ID, prepared by the Moritz School of Law at Ohio State University in collaboration with others.

It is my understanding that these reports were commissioned by and submitted to the EAC several months ago. It is in the public interest to release these reports since they will advance the public discussion and understanding of important election administration issues.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a copy of these reports. If this request is denied, please provide an explanation as to why.

Jeannie Layson  
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Washington, DC 20005  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>  
08/22/2006 02:44 PM

To "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>,  
"Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
cc psims@eac.gov

Subject FW: Does EAC have access to stats on --

Ben - -

This forwards a short e-mail chain between me and Peg Sims at the EAC. Peg is an institution where this sort of thing is concerned and if there were national stats available she would be the first place I would go - - which come to think of it is why I did!

Her remarks bring-up another issue: apples and oranges.

There are a lot of categories of crime that could arguably fit under the umbrella of "election crime" but which would not be the sort of thing we would find useful for present purposes. Examples would be theft of election materials unrelated to an intent to corrupt the election, campaigning or assaults in or near polls, "campaign slander" (i.e., lying about one's opponent) which is not a federal crime but is potentially a crime in 20 or so states, corruption in the procurement of election equipment (i.e., Louisiana had a recent high

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profile case against its secretary of state who took bribes from voting equipment vendors in exchange for buying their machines). This stuff is criminal, but it does not involve corruption of the electoral process itself.

Also, some local prosecutors who do enforce the laws dealing with particularly vote buying - - for various reasons - - chose to prosecute the voters for selling their votes rather than the corrupt political operatives who buy the votes. Many times this is simply because slamming the voter rather than the corrupt pols is easier, quicker and does not entangle the prosecutor in the caldron of local politics. In other instances it is more sinister: I am aware of several instances where local prosecutors tried to charge voters whose names surfaced as people whose votes locally prominent pols had been bought in order to silence them in the federal case. Federally, we usually treat the voters as victims and go after those who tried to purchase their birthright. In one case in Western North Carolina, the target of our case was a local DA. When our indictment against him was returned it named the voters whose votes he was being charged with having bought (we try to avoid this now!). His first act of defense was to charge all these voters with selling their votes under N.C. law. We had to intercede for him - - through the U.S. Attorney at that time - -with the N.C. Governor to pardon these voters so that they could testify concerning the material facts without incriminating themselves.

My point here is this:

Even if we can get some State stats, since the State concept of "election crime" and ours is usually different, and since state prosecutors often approach this type of case from an entirely different perspective than we do at the federal level, State stats will likely have minimal value to substantiating the thesis we are trying to advance: that local law enforcement in the election crime area is not adequate.

----- Message from psims@eac.gov on Tue, 22 Aug 2006 14:09:06 -0400 -----

**To:** "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

We don't have a summary in numbers. We just have a summary of cases, some of which do not appear to reach the level of election fraud, and the charts of newspaper articles, some of which only contain allegations and some of which report convictions. These charts were on the CD I sent you before the Working Group meeting. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go before we have what I would classify as statistics.

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

08/22/2006 01:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Does EAC have access to stats on --

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Peggy - - I can take whatever you got!!! What does the data you got show?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Does EAC have access to stats on --

No reliable, comprehensive data --- just the preliminary research results from case law, literature review, and interviews. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

08/22/2006 12:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, bhancock@eac.gov  
cc "Campbell, Benton" <Benton.Campbell@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subje Does EAC have access to stats on --  
ct

-- State and local level prosecutions dealing with electoral fraud?

This message was brought to you by Dr. D's fabulous Blackberry!

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 02:25 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
10/03/2006 10:41 AM

To "Ambrogi, Adam (Rules)"  
<Adam\_Ambrogi@rules.senate.gov>, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Chapin Survey

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

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Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.  
---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM ---



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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## Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the working group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

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Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research


Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" 

04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation  
ct Working Group

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Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

00494



To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

#### Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
2. methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

#### Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100  
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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. Theres no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/12/2006 12:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

004940



That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'  
Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?  
> I will be in DC for  
> other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any  
> difference (EAC would not  
> have to pay my transportation if it was on, for  
> example, Monday May 8 or  
> possibly even the 9th) Thanks.

>  
> Tova Andrea Wang  
> Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc "Nicole Mortellito" <[nmortellito@eac.gov](mailto:nmortellito@eac.gov)>

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

004947

As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

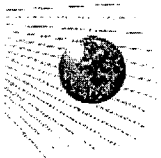
From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..  
Peg

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov, "[REDACTED]"  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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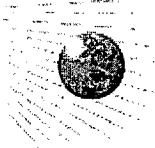
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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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Washington, DC  
202.566.2209 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>  
cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>  
Subject Teleconference set up

Nicole:  
Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?  
Please send me confirmation.  
Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"  
[REDACTED]

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>  
04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:  
I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?  
Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info [REDACTED]

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:  
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller  
Executive Assistant  
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

[REDACTED]  
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any  
> corrections that should  
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy  
>  
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Tova and Job:
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- > him to assess the
- > level of public attribution that would be
- > appropriate without seeing the
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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject working group agenda

004953

Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebroy"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said---if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in  
> attending the meeting. Due  
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at  
> the week of May 15.  
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy  
cc  
Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- 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)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov  
 cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
 cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

] "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
 <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
 >

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

00495

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

00495



04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

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To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:

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004959

> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris  
> County, TX and current  
> Executive Director of the International Association  
> of Clerks, Recorders,  
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself  
> available for an  
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on  
> CST. Is there a time  
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM  
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw  
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past  
> Tuesday. We are trying  
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).  
>  
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his  
> Prosecution of Election  
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers  
> and will not be  
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,  
> he referred me to the  
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.  
> He said that the  
> white paper includes the same information on the  
> prosecution of election  
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy  
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wang@tcf.org

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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject doj training materials

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To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]  
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** Helen Jamison

**To:** Tony J. Sirvello III

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

**Subject:** RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tony J. Sirvello III [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

**To:** Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

**Subject:** Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Thanks,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

**Subject:** Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" <tjsthree@msn.com>



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[REDACTED]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---  
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regrettably not public at present.

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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 Apr 05 17:26:12 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

04/05/2006 04:14 PM

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To  
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject  
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it  
our in a couple months.

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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 Apr 05 13:05:15 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found  
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that  
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our  
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that  
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled  
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see  
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to  
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

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04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [REDACTED] [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM  
**Subject:** Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"  
<[Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us](mailto:Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us)>  
04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "'psims@eac.gov'" <[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)>  
cc  
Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [[Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us](mailto:Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us)]  
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM  
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <[psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM  
To: Kevin Kennedy  
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?

Peggy Sims

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Nicole  
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA  
C/GOV  
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc psims@eac.gov  
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito  
Research Assistant  
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202.566.2209 phone  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission

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1225 New York Ave Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
202.566.3100

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

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 ---



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
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:

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> Job?  
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> --- Peggy  
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> wang@tcf.org  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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> psims@eac.gov  
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> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if  
> things have settled down  
> for her enough so that she would be available. I  
> have had no response to  
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can  
> try again, but I have to  
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday  
> this week, on another  
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in  
> Seattle. Were you able  
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?  
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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to  
> reserve some of your  
> time for the working group meeting and the  
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

> Subject  
> Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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>> wang@tcf.org  
>> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM  
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>> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]@psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----  
From: Job Serebrov [mailto:jserebrov@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using  
> for the trainings?  
> Thanks Peg.

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on  
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> cc

> Subject  
> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

> Peg - -

> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the  
> Department's Ballot Access and  
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on  
> Thursday announced that FBI  
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign  
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the  
> priority these cases  
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's  
> 57 Field Divisions will  
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who  
> will be the equivalent of  
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been  
> training these new  
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of  
> them in Denver in a  
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at  
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out  
> to Portland, Oregon for  
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM  
> To: Donsanto, Craig  
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes  
> Initiative

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> Hi, Craig:

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> Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative  
> against election crimes (see  
> attached email). Is this something new, or is it  
> more of the same  
> initiative that you addressed in your interview? If  
> it is new, would you  
> have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to  
> answer any questions  
> they may have on the initiative?

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> wang@tcf.org

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> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
>  
> cc  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Subject  
> donsanto again

> Hi Peg,

> Happy Easter!

> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

> <<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>>

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

Peggy:

This is incorrect. Our project ends May 31. This month's invoice is due on April 21 and is invoice number 3. Invoice number 4 is due at the end of May.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY  
> 06 contracts for the  
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM  
To: wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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

wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39  
AM

psims@eac.gov

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

donsanto again

To  
cc  
Subject

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Hi Peg,

Happy Easter!

Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about this latest initiative, or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Next week is out for me. I need to check my schedule this week. Is this the last interview that you were able to arrange?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
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> 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!  
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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

*Tony*

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter  
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on  
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for  
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Tony Sirvello](#)

**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office.

[REDACTED]  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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*Tony*

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

**Subject:** Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.  
Peg Sims

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

## EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

### SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> wang@tcf.org

> Subject

> Re: Working Group-Perez

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>  
> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > 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

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> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> 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  
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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> 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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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**


04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project 

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" 



**"Weinberg and Utrecht"**

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [Barry Weinberg](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

**To:** Margaret Sims

**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative 

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---  
Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"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:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> 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.

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> "Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>  
> 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  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> > 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.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc


Subject Re: Literature Summary 

Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in paragraph 4? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

  
05/11/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary



Fed Crime Election Fraud.doc

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/02/2006 09:45 AM

To wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Dear Tova,

I am working with Peggy Sims in order to set a date for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group. I have been trying to reach Barbara Arnwine in order to find out which days in May she is potentially available to attend this meeting but all of my attempts have been unsuccessful.

I would appreciate any help that you could provide in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc wang@tcr.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



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

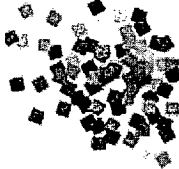
Peggy:

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?

Job

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/24/2006 04:41 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Updated scheduling list and Contact info

Peggy,

Here is the most updated version of the list that I have available.



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

Thanks,

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/16/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/15/2006 09:54 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: research summary

Peggy:

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What about my question on gas receipts?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I can email this out to our participants after I get  
> back to the office, and we can have copies available  
> at the meeting.  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: wang  
> Sent: 05/13/2006 10:54 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> Subject: Fw: research summary

> Job found it. I'm assuming its too late to include  
> so as I said I'll just  
> present it if thats OK. Thanks again Job. T

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:12 AM  
> Subject: Re: research summary

> > T~

> > Are you talking about this?

> > J~

> > --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> >> In the middle of the night I got the feeling that  
> >> you may be right, that I did do a summary of the  
> >> existing literature review (that Job, you  
> >> approved)  
> >> . I'll have to look for it on Monday (unless I go  
> >> into the office over the weekend, which is  
> >> possible). I may be hallucinating, but if not,  
> >> I'll  
> >> just present it at the meeting rather than try to  
> >> get it to them ahead of time. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 06:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

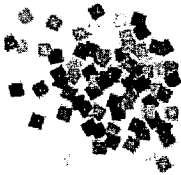
I don't know if its too late, but in the interview summary we actually said There is widespread but not unanimous agreement that there is little polling place fraud. Thats quite different than saying, as you do here, that there is disagreement.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 3:56 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

FYI - Attached is a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the voting fraud-voter intimidation research project for tomorrow's meetings of the EAC Standards Board (110 state and local election officials) and the EAC Advisory Board (37 representatives from national associations and government agencies who play a role in HAVA implementation and from science and technology-related professions appointed by Congressional members). I used your summaries as the primary source of information for the presentation. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/25/2006 02:37 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Summary for VFVI working group meeting

Peggy,

Here is the summary that you requested. Let me know if this works.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:47 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM

**Subject:** RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto: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

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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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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

To psims@eac.gov

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cc

05/16/2006 02:55 PM

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 12:06 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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Subject: RE: Your Materials

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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectYour Materials

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 02:37 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Oops! I hit send prematurely. Here is the attachment. --- Peggy



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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV




Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 01:38 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Tent Cards 

Please forward list...there was no attachment. thanks!

Elle L.K Collver

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05/16/2006 01:36 PM

To Elieen L. Colver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Tent Cards

Attached is a list of folks who will be attending the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. I have asterisked the names that will require tent cards. I am working on a seating chart so that we can be sure the Ds and the Rs aren't all seated together in a "them vs. us" pattern. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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05/23/2006 02:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)"

<Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>, "Hillman, Noel"

<Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons, Nancy"

<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision

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below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:21 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/24/2006 03:17 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov

Subject Re: press interview

Thanks for the "heads up". --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject press interview

Hi Peg,

Just wanted to give you the heads up that I did an interview with a reporter from The Hill today on fraud. As far as I know he is simply referring to me as a fellow at TCF and I did not discuss the project in any way

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>, "Simmons,

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05/16/2006 09:43 AM

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

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:

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- There is as much evidence, and as much concern, about structural forms of disenfranchisement as about intentional abuse of the system. These include felon disenfranchisement, poor maintenance of databases and identification requirements.
- There is tremendous disagreement about the extent to which polling place fraud, e.g. double voting, intentional felon voting, noncitizen voting, is a serious problem. On balance, more researchers find it to be less of a problem than is commonly described in the political debate, but some reports say it is a major problem, albeit hard to identify.
- There is substantial concern across the board about absentee balloting and the opportunity it presents for fraud.
- Federal law governing election fraud and intimidation is varied and complex and yet may nonetheless be insufficient or subject to too many limitations to be as effective as it might be.
- Deceptive practices, e.g. targeted flyers and phone calls providing misinformation, were a major problem in 2004.
- Voter intimidation continues to be focused on minority communities, although the American Center for Voting Rights uniquely alleges it is focused on Republicans.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/15/2006 04:53 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in transit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on BlackBerry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
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<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

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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



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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/16/2006 09:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Date Ranges for Research

Cases were from 2000 to the present.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > Would you please refresh my memory about the date
- > ranges used for the
- > Nexis article research and the case law research?
- > I'm drawing a blank and
- > I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this
- > mornings Commissioner
- > briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [Redacted]  
 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Question

Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's parking spot?

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

- > You will need to submit hotel and parking receipts.
- > You don't need to submit meal receipts. You don't
- > need to submit gas receipts because use of a
- > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based
- > on mileage. I think I emailed the mileage rate to
- > you. If you need it again, I'll look it up when I am
- > at the office (this afternoon).
- > Peg

> -----  
 > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

- > ----- 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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05/24/2006 04:57 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: presentation

The Standards Board has the reputation of being crankier than the Board of Advisors. They beat up on the Commissioners last year.

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Is such a roasting usual? I mean, do they think we did a bad job???

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 3:43 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: presentation

You have most of the pieces of the report now. We absolutely need to put the statutory authority for the research up front. We need to add the definition. We also need to add a short piece addressing the approach for this preliminary research (including short statements on the pros and cons of information sources --- you began to address this in the literature review summary). I expect that the biggest project will be fleshing out the possible avenues for subsequent research in this area. It would be great if we could come up with cost estimates. If we can't, we need to at least identify what info we hope to get, what we are likely to miss, and any pitfalls.

Given today's roast, I will take another look at what we have now to highlight remarks that might

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needlessly tick board members off. We can discuss whether or not editing or removing the remark would be detrimental to or have no real effect on the final report. (An example of such a remark is the reference to the number of articles out of Florida. A local official from that State objected on the grounds that the number of articles does not reliably indicate the number of problems.) I know we can expect a challenge from Board of Advisors member Craig Donsanto regarding the focus of the Election Crimes Branch prosecutions.

Yes, we can discuss the organization and "look" of the report after Job returns. Yes, the Commissioners will want to review it and submit their changes before the report goes to the boards.

It is too early to tell what EAC efforts may be mounted in FY 2007. I doubt that fire from the Standards Board will prevent Commissioners from doing what they think is needed. But, given that it is an election year, appropriations legislation may not be signed until December or later -- so we won't know how much money we have for awhile. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 03:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: presentation

Yikes. It sounds like a lot of work after all. Should we talk over what the report should look like again, I guess when Job gets back? Will you help us write it in a way you think will satisfy? I guess it goes to the commissioners first anyway. Does this portend anything for phase 2?

Thanks Peg. Tova

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I'm glad it is over --- for now. One audience was a lot tougher than the other. The Standards Board was much more critical of the research than the Board of Advisors.

Of course, the Board of Advisors is the body that wanted EAC to place a high priority on the research. Its members were interested in sharing personal experiences (including problems with getting anyone to prosecute) and observations (that we need to expand the research to give Congress and political parties a better picture of how rare or prevalent are voting fraud and intimidation, that the HAVA-mandated statewide voter registration lists should help to prevent fraud, etc.). They also asked if EAC will look at specific opportunities for fraud (using cell phones

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in vote buying schemes to photograph the ballot being cast at the poll) and how the agency will research voter intimidation/suppression involving voters with disabilities (advocates want to pass on complaints received).

The members of the Standards Board focused much more on the scope of the research and the completeness and accuracy of the information gleaned. Some wanted to include campaign finance crimes in the mix; others understood why we did not. Several did not like the use of newspaper articles, or were defensive about references to the large number of articles about their State. They made the point that, given the vagaries of the press, EAC should not use the number of articles about a specific State or particular vote fraud/intimidation activity as a basis for determining the likelihood that problems will occur in a given State or the frequency with which certain activities occur. (I never said that we did, but some members thought it was at least implied.) Some members want more research on the topic (into prosecutions and/or unsuccessful referrals made by election officials to law enforcement agencies); others want us to "quit throwing away tax dollars" and to stop the research altogether. Although my first slide noted our statutory authority to conduct this study, several members challenged EAC's right to do so --- saying that DOJ, not EAC, should conduct such research.

The dueling approaches of these boards may give us heartburn when the time comes for them to review and comment on the draft. We will have to make a strong statement at the beginning, perhaps repeated at the end, that this is preliminary research. We also may need to thoroughly explain how choices were made regarding what to look at, who to interview, etc. We may need to clearly acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses of the various sources of information used in the preliminary research. Finally, when reviewing ideas for subsequent research, we may need to discuss the pros and cons of each approach, what additional information we expect to retrieve, and, perhaps, the estimated cost.

By the way, I did clarify the polling place fraud bullet. --- Peg

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/24/2006 09:14 AM

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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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I have attached the list of the working groups participants. Peggy, you may want to double check this list incase I have left anyone out.

In place of name tags we just used the tent cards for the APIA working group. This seemed to be effective because it was easier to identify the person who was speaking but we could use both.

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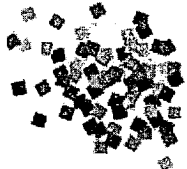
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05/17/2006 10:59 AM

Subject RE: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Peg - -

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This is a complicated issue largely because of two things: 1) there is a lot of ambiguity out there as to what constitutes "intimidation." To the civil rights community, "intimidation" means anything that makes voting uncomfortable or less than automatic. To us in the criminal law enforcement "intimidation" means threats of economic or physical nature made to force or prevent voting. Only the latter involve aggravating factors that warrant putting offenders in jail, and the statutes that address "intimidation" from a criminal perspective are thus limited. We have never had many "intimidation" criminal cases. For one thing, in this modern post voting rights era, there is not a lot of physical/economic duress out there in the voting context - - at least not that I have seen. For another, where it does occur it is very hard to investigate and detect as victims who have been physically or economically intimidated are not likely to come to the FBI.

The bottom line is that we take matters that do present predication for physical or economically based "intimidation" very seriously, AND that we are being extremely proactive in trying to find ways to prosecute matters involving voter suppression as in the Tobin cases in New Hampshire where the local GOP tried to jam telephone lines for a GOTV effort run by the Dems. But even there - - the usual "suppression" matter involves flyers that are passed around giving out misleading information about an election, and we have investigated every one of those that came to our attention last elect ion cycle. We were not able to identify the person(s) responsible for printing the misleading flyers in any of these. But we sure as heck tried.

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**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
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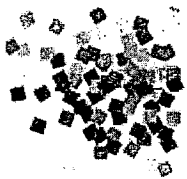
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If any of you took notes of the discussion during the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, would you please provide a copy to Devon. Devon, would you please use the meeting agenda to organize and consolidate any notes by topic, and send the consolidated notes to me? Thanks. --- Peggy

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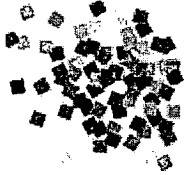
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05/15/2006 03:52 PM

To Gaylin Vogel/EAC/GOV

cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L.  
Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: working group

The contracts for the two consultants on this project do not cover such costs. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/19/2006 03:30 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

#### Recommendations for Future Research

- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 11:11 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Payment Vouchers 

I have to have a little time to focus on these issues and to check with our Finance Officer. Today and tomorrow, most of my time is scheduled for the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors meetings. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



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05/23/2006 09:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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05/23/2006 09:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Payment Vouchers

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/22/2006 09:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg, I have this all filled out -- would you quickly check before I fax? And I have all my travel receipts which I will mail to you. Thanks. T

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/22/2006 03:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject Re: voucher 

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 09:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov,   
cc

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Subject RE: Date Ranges for Research

January 1, 2001 - January 1, 2006

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 7:41 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Date Ranges for Research

Would you please refresh my memory about the date ranges used for the Nexis article research and the case law research? I'm drawing a blank and I don't see it in the summaries. I need it for this mornings Commissioner briefing. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 02:48 PM

To Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: working group

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05/15/2006 12:19 PM

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Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
05/15/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc: dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: working group

Sounds great. It did seem to work just fine for our Asian Language group. Is there going to be a transcriptionist? If so, has anyone taken care of that?

Did you still want to provide the cookies or snacks, or shall I get that from Cafe Mozart (where I am planning to get the coffee). I can just buy a few boxes of cookies for the break.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:41 PM

To "Craig Donsanto" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

It could be a Berry problem. (I occasionally have that problem with attachments I try to retrieve through my Blackberry.)

The attachment is a pdf file, but I have access to a Word version that I can use to insert text in an email tomorrow. I don,t have access to the attachment from my Berry.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]

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Sent: 05/15/2006 04:53 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Peggy --

I am currently on train in trasit back from a day in Newark. I tried to recover your attachment on Blackberry but got a message telling me the "file is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org <barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org>;  
Rbauer@perkinscoie.com <Rbauer@perkinscoie.com>; bginsberg@pattonboggs.com  
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dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com <dlovecchio@perkinscoie.com>;  
bschuler@lathropgage.com <bschuler@lathropgage.com>; Donsanto, Craig  
<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Working Group Members and Participants:

You should receive a packet of information today, either by Federal Express or hand delivery, concerning Thursday's meeting of the project Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. Attached is an analysis of the consultants' research into relevant literature and reports. This summary was not available when we prepared the information packets last Friday, but may be of interest to you. Our consultants and I look forward to having a productive discussion with you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 03:02 PM

To Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

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cc  
Subject Replacement Handout for EAC Board

I found some typos in the Status Report. Please replace the one I gave you with the attached. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/23/2006 08:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/26/2006 10:41 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "

cc

Subject RE: Request to interview AUSAs

I still think we should include the recommendations in the report

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 9:30 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Fw: Request to interview AUSAs

Below is Craig's response to the request to interview AUSAs. It does not appear that this avenue is likely because the AUSAs are so busy..

Also, he asked about permission for other folks to attend the election crimes training session, and the answer was "no". (I can't even get in, and I'm a federal employee.). I understand that a good part of the reason is practical -- they are having enough trouble accommodating the folks that are required to come.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 05/23/2006 02:49 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; "Voris, Natalie (USAEO)" <Natalie.Voris@usdoj.gov>;  
"Hillman, Noel" <Noel.Hillman@usdoj.gov>; "Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject: Request to interview AUSAs

Peg --

At the Advisory Board meeting we had last week, your two contractors asked to interview the over-100 AUSAs who are serving as District Election Officers in connection with the Fraud study.

This request needs to be addressed to Natalie Voris of EOUSA per the message from here that follows.

If the contractors require additional information in connection with the Fraud Study, and should EOUSA not be able to satisfy their needs n they can communicate with me on criminal issues and Cameron Quinn on Civil Rights issues.

I will be here when you arrive later today at the Board of Advisors meeting when you arrive to talk to us at 4:30.

Ms. Voris' message follows:

Per the USAM, all requests for interviews/surveys/research projects that involve USAOs must be approved by EOUSA. I am pasting the provision below - the contact name needs to be updated. Requests should come to me, as the Acting Counsel to the Director.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/16/2006 03:50 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: board of advisers presentation 

I haven't sent it yet. If you need to leave early, you can look at what I have so far, which does not have the intro or the text regarding the final report. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
05/16/2006 03:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

Hi Peg, Have you tried to send me the presentation? I haven't gotten it, but I think we may be having email problems. Let me know. I'd need to look at it today since I'll be tied up tomorrow. Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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>  
05/17/2006 03:24 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thank you, Peg. This is at least more accurate than what I read this morning. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this with me. I shall see you tomorrow.

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:04 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Status Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

This is what I was working on for the upcoming meetings of the EAC Board of Advisors and EAC

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Standards Board. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>

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.

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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 17 09:56:39 2006  
Subject: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 02:13 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc

Subject Re: Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Shall I call you at about 2:30 PM? -- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:20 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 05:09 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Mileage Rate for POV

Job:

The federal mileage rate for POVs is \$.445 per mile (see

[http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA\\_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT](http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?programId=9299&channelId=-13224&oid=10359&contentId=9646&pageTypeId=8203&contentType=GSA_BASIC&programPage=%2Fep%2Fprogram%2FgsaBasic.jsp&P=MTT)). Write down the number on your odometer at the beginning (starting at home) and end of the trip (when you arrive back home). The difference should be your total mileage, unless you make any side trips for personal convenience. The mileage for side trips should be deleted from the total. --- Peggy


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cc  
Subject RE: presentation

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:16 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: presentation

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05/16/2006 05:08 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto: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-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 2:51 PM  
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05/16/2006 03:47 PM

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cc  
Subject board of advisers presentation

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Tova

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/16/2006 12:06 PM

Subject RE: 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  
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05/16/2006 10:46 AM

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[REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:13 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

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<wang@tcf.org>

05/16/2006 11:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

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:** serebrov@sbcglobal.net

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**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: Corrections

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc wang@tcf.org  
Subject Re: Corrections [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/16/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Question

OK. Weather is not going to be great in DC Thursday. I hope that does not delay me.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> We don't need a castle key, but we have to wait  
> until the Chairman returns  
> to the office tomorrow to confirm availability of  
> the parking pass. I  
> expect you will be on the road, then. Try calling  
> me our toll-free line  
> (1-866-747-1471) tomorrow afternoon, say after 2 PM  
> EST, so that we can  
> talk about this. --- Peg

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/15/2006 09:56 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Question

> Did you find out whether I can use the Chairman's  
> parking spot?

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > You will need to submit hotel and parking  
> receipts.  
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> > personally owned vehicle (POV) is reimbursed based  
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> > at the office (this afternoon).

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> > Peg  
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> > Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> > From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 09:07 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov

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

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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"

05/15/2006 09:28 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: New Working Group Member

Excellent!

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Just thught you would like to see the Chairman's  
> reaction to the Ginsberg choice, attached.  
> Peggy

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Paul DeGregorio

> Sent: 05/14/2006 12:01 PM

> To: CN=Margaret Sims/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC

> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV

> Subject: Re: New Working Group Member

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> Ben Ginsberg is one of the most respected election  
> law attorneys in the country. Great choice.

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> -----

> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Margaret Sims

> Sent: 05/12/2006 04:04 PM

> To: pdegregorio@eac.gov

> Cc: CN=Amie J. Sherrill/OU=EAC/O=GOV@EAC

> Subject: New Working Group Member

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>  
> FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for  
> David Norcross, who was  
> unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter  
> Intimidation Working  
> Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov,  
> suggested Benjamin Ginsberg,  
> who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with  
> you on this beforehand  
> --- things happened so fast! --- Peggy

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Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 06:24 PM

To: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Devon E.  
Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject: Re: working group

Hello to all,

I would love to help, but I will not be in the office from today (Monday, May 15th) thru Wednesday, May 17th ----- I'll be back on Thursday morning. When is your meeting taking place? I had e-mailed Adam a draft of the table tents I did for the APIA working group; perhaps he still has it archived in his Lotus notes and could forward it to you. All you would have to do then is erase the APIA names and insert the ones for the new working group. In case he does not have the document I sent him and you need them prior to me returning to the office ---- in Microsoft Word, open a new document, go under Tools, then labels and envelopes, choose Labels and then Options -- then choose the correct Avery product number for your tent cards and click New document -- this will bring a blank template where you can begin to insert the names. I hope this helps. I can be reached by phone at (610) 780-8551 in case you need my help. Also, the tent card box usually brings an instruction sheet, it's not the most clear though.

Laiza N. Otero  
Research Associate  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel. (202) 566-1707  
Fax (202) 566-3128

-----Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV wrote: -----

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
From: Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV  
Date: 05/15/2006 12:19PM  
cc: Laiza N. Otero/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov@EAC  
Subject: working group

Peggy,

In preparation for the logistics of this week's working group, I need to know how many people to expect for the meeting. Also, if you still need me to make name tags, I will need a list of attendees and the avery label size.


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Also, I will need help from Laiza on the table tents, or we can see if she has the time to help with that.

Thanks!

Elle

Elle L.K Collver  
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office: (202) 566-2256

  
www.eac.gov

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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






VF-VI Project Presentation.ppt

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Tamar Nedzar/EAC/GOV

05/18/2006 04:36 PM

To cdonsanto@usdoj.gov,   
assistant@sos.in.gov, krogers@sos.state.ga.us,  
mhearne@lathropgage.com,  
bginsberg@pattonboggs.com, Rbauer@perkinscoie.com,  
barnwine@lawyerscommittee.org,   
wang@tcf.org

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo  
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.

Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Senate and House Conference Reports

All,

As discussed in the meeting today, please find attached the House and Senate Conference Reports associated with the passage of HAVA. In each document, the word "fraud" is capitalized, bolded, and highlighted.

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Kind Regards,

Tamar Nedzar  
Law Clerk  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue, NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-2377  
<http://www.eac.gov>  
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House Conference Report.doc



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05/23/2006 09:23 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

OK, thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov) [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2006 7:46 AM

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

**Subject:** RE: PowerPoint Presentation to EAC Boards

I know --- I'll have to cover that in my oral presentation, along with some other points. The audience will have a copy of the paper I put together using Job's and your summaries and findings. The paper provides a lot more detail. We did not plan to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, which is just meant to keep me on track and them interested in the presentation. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/22/2006 03:43 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Is there something separate I should fill out for the travel, or should I just submit a letter? Thanks.

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2006 2:30 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Tova:

Here is your voucher with the pay period dates and signature date updated, and a check mark added for the travel costs. I've been thinking that it might be better to make a separate submission for the travel costs. That way, if there are any delays in receiving your receipts, or there are any corrections or clarifications needed on the travel costs, we won't have to hold up the voucher for payment of personal services. If you agree, you should delete the check mark, dollar amount and travel dates from this voucher. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/22/2006 03:58 PM

To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject: RE: voucher

A letter detailing the costs, noting the total reimbursement expected, and attaching your travel receipts is fine. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/19/2006 04:34 PM

To: psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: Re: Monday Teleconference

Thats fine for me. Thanks so much for doing such a great job running the show yesterday. Did you think it went well?

Also, is there any reason why we cannot talk about our findings with people now? Please let me know. Thanks. Have a great weekend. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, 19 May 2006 15:30:59 -0400

Subject: Monday Teleconference

This is just to confirm our Monday, May 22, teleconference at 4:30 PM EST/3:30 PM CST. Attached is a list of follow-up activities discussed at the working group meeting and recorded on the flip chart. We will need to flesh these out a bit, perhaps once we have access to the transcript. --- Peggy

Recommendations for Future Research

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- Bipartisan observers/poll watchers
  - To collect data
  - To deter fraud/intimidation
  
- Surveys
  - State laws
  - State election offices
  - Specific states
  - Local election officials
  - Voters (this suggestion was rejected by the panel)
  - State implementation of administrative complaint procedures (applies only to HAVA Title III violations) to ID examples of procedures for other than HAVA Title III complaints
  
- Follow up on initial reports of fraud/intimidation from the Nexis search of news articles and literature review
  
- Research absentee balloting process issues
  - Methodology of "for cause" absentee voting
  
- Risk-analysis for voting fraud
  - Who?
  - What part of process?
  - Ease of committing the fraud
  - Which elections?
  
- Analyze
  - Phone logs from toll-free lines for election concerns
  - Federal observer reports
  - Local newspapers
  
- Academic statistical research
  
- Search and match procedures for voter registration list maintenance (subject to confirmation) to identify potential avenues for vote fraud
  
- Research State district court actions
  
- Broaden scope of interviews to local officials and district attorneys
  
- Explore the concept of election courts
  
- Model statutes

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

05/15/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy:

The package came today. Thanks. See you Thursday.

Barry

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:56 PM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

[Redacted]

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please take a moment to review the draft definition of election fraud? One of our consultants is concerned that it does not sufficiently cover violations of the Voting Rights Act that would qualify. Thanks!

--- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [Redacted]



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05/16/2006 12:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject RE: Corrections

I agree!

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> 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  
> to people making, as Job  
> says, "corrections"

> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 10:47 AM  
> To: wang@tcf.org  
> Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
> Subject: RE: Corrections  
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> Might not be a bad idea before the final report is  
> prepared, but I would not  
> worry about it for Thursday's meeting. I'm only  
> concerned with the Donsanto  
> interview summary because he will be attending the  
> meeting. --- Peggy  
>  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/15/2006 09:55 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Question

Ok

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

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-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2006 8:51 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** RE: I'm sorry

This article is on the CD, it is located in the "Nexis Article Charts" folder.

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United States Election Assistance Commission  
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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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.

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-----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

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]  
**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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"Donsanto, Craig"  
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To psims@eac.gov

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05/15/2006 04:53 PM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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is empty."

Can you paste it to an e-mail perhaps?

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<Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Mon May 15 16:37:48 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Regards,

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To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Here is the content of the email attachment:

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## 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.

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- 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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05/19/2006 02:51 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Voter and fraud  
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Voter and challenge  
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Election and irregularity  
Election and irregularities  
Election and violation  
Election and stealing  
Ballot box and tampering  
Ballot box and theft  
Ballot box and stealing  
Election and officers  
Election and Sheriff  
Miscount and votes  
Election and crime  
Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
Vote and criminal  
Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation

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Election and counting and error  
Vote and counting and violation  
Vote and counting and error  
Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
Vote and intimidation  
Denial and voter and registration  
Voter identification  
Vote and identification  
Voter and racial profiling  
Vote and racial profiling  
Voter and racial  
Vote and racial  
Voter and racial and challenge  
Vote and racial and challenge  
Voter and deny and racial  
Vote and deny and racial  
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Vote and deny and Indian  
Voter and Indian and challenge  
Vote and Indian and challenge  
Election and Indian and challenge  
Poll tax  
Voting and test  
Absentee ballot and deny  
Absentee ballot and reject  
Absentee ballot and challenge  
Vote and challenge  
Voter and challenge  
Election and challenge  
Vote and police  
Voter and police  
Poll and police  
Vote and law enforcement  
Voter and law enforcement  
Poll and law enforcement  
Vote and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceptive practices  
Election and deceptive practices  
Voter and deceive  
Voter and false information  
Dirty tricks  
Vote and felon  
Vote and ex-felon  
Disenfranchisement  
Disenfranchise  
Law and election and manipulation  
Vote and purging  
Vote and purge  
Registration and removal  
Registration and purging  
Registration and purge  
Vote buying  
Vote and noncitizen  
Voter and noncitizen  
Vote and selective enforcement  
Identification and selective

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Election and misinformation  
Registration and restrictions  
Election and administrator and fraud  
Election and official and fraud  
Provisional ballot and deny  
Provisional ballot and denial  
Affidavit ballot and deny  
Affidavit ballot and denial  
Absentee ballot and coerce  
Absentee ballot and coercion  
Registration and destruction  
Voter and deter  
Vote and deterrence  
Voter and deterrence  
Ballot integrity  
Ballot security  
Ballot security and minority  
Ballot security and black  
Ballot security and African American  
Ballot security and Latino  
Ballot security and Hispanic  
Ballot security and Native American  
Ballot security and Indian  
Vote and suppression  
Minority and vote and suppression  
Black and vote and suppression  
African American and vote and suppression  
Latino and vote and suppression  
Hispanic and vote and suppression  
Native American and vote and suppression  
Vote and suppress  
Minority and vote and suppress  
African American and vote and suppress  
Latino and vote and suppress  
Native American and vote and suppress  
Vote and depress  
Jim Crow  
Literacy test  
Voter and harass  
Voter and harassment  
Vote and mail and fraud  
Poll and guards  
Election and consent decree  
Vote and barrier  
Voting and barrier

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Voter and barrier  
Election and long line  
Voter and long line

Poll worker and challenge  
Poll worker and intimidate  
Poll worker and intimidation  
Poll worker and intimidating  
Poll worker and threatening  
Poll worker and abusive  
Election official and challenge  
Election official and intimidate  
Election official and intimidation  
Election official and intimidating  
Election official and threatening  
Election official and abusive  
Poll watcher and challenge  
Poll watcher and intimidate  
Poll watcher and intimidating  
Poll watcher and intimidation  
Poll watcher and abusive  
Poll watcher and threatening  
Poll inspector and challenge  
Poll inspector and intimidate  
Poll inspector and intimidating  
Poll inspector and intimidation  
Poll inspector and abusive  
Poll inspector and threatening  
Poll judge and challenge  
Poll judge and intimidate  
Poll judge and intimidating  
Poll judge and intimidation  
Poll judge and abusive  
Poll judge and threatening  
Poll monitor and challenge  
Poll monitor and intimidate  
Poll monitor and intimidating  
Poll monitor and intimidation  
Poll monitor and abusive  
Poll monitor and threatening  
Election judge and challenge  
Election judge and intimidate  
Election judge and intimidating  
Election judge and intimidation  
Election judge and abusive

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Election judge and threatening  
Election monitor and challenge  
Election monitor and intimidate  
Election monitor and intimidating  
Election monitor and intimidation  
Election monitor and abusive  
Election monitor and threatening  
Election observer and challenge  
Election observer and intimidate  
Election observer and intimidating  
Election observer and intimidation  
Election observer and abusive  
Election observer and threatening

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/16/2006 03:37 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"  
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cc  
Subject RE: Your Materials

OK. --- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>  
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

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"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.

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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**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

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 01:41 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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SubjectRE: Your Materials

Sure. But where is the resistance coming from? The notes were not accurate. As you know, I have to be very concerned about that.

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**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

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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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Peg - -

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request - - or routinely receive - - audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

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To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
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Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Briefing

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Dear Commissioners:

Attached is our consultants' analysis of the literature reviewed for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation preliminary research project. It was not included in the information packets delivered to you on Friday, May 12, because we did not receive it until today. I thought you might be interested in having it. prior to tomorrow's briefing.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist



Literature-Report Review Summary.doc

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"Tova Wang"  
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05/16/2006 11:03 AM

To: psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
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-----

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Fri May 19 14:51:21 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

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Craig;

You asked about the Nexis search terms used by our consultants. The list follows. --- Peggy.

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Voter and fraud  
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Election and stealing  
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Election and officers  
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Miscount and votes  
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Election and criminal  
Vote and crime  
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Double voting  
Multiple voting  
Dead and voting  
Election and counting and violation  
Election and counting and error  
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Voter and intimidation  
Voter and intimidating  
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cc

Subject RE: Your Materials

I think he can just raise these points at the meeting, no? I'm sure many we interviewed would say we misquoted them on something. This is what both Job and I remember him saying. I think it would be unfair for him to change/amend his interview without giving the same opportunity to the other interviewees.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2006 9:59 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Your Materials

See corrections from Donsanto at DOJ. We should probably provide corrected versions to the Working Group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/16/2006 10:58 AM -----

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/16/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Your Materials

Peg --

I have read over the materials you sent to me and viewed the pieces on the CD.

I have only one correction:

I did not say that offenders who receive target letters routinely request -- or routinely receive -- audiences here at DOJHQ. That is very rare. Instead, what usually happens is that once a subject for an election fraud investigation is advised that he or she is going to be charged that person usually enters into plea negotiations and ultimately pleads guilty. Very few federal election fraud cases go to trial. When a subject does request a HQ interview or a HW hearing, it would be held in the first instance by myself. But again, Peg, that is rare.

Also, while the occurrences of prosecutions of isolated instances of felons and alien voters and double voters has increased, we still aggressively and I believe quite successfully pursue systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process, as the cases we brought recently out of Knott and Pike Counties in Kentucky, those we brought out of Lincoln and Logan Counties in West Virginia, and those we brought in New Hampshire growing out of the jamming of get0-out-the-vote phone bank lines attest.

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/19/2006 03:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Simmons, Nancy" <Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project-Nexis Word Search

Peggy --

I was just thinking of you!

Great session yesterday. I really enjoyed it. Robust discussion.

On another subject, Nancy Simmons needs the e-mail address of NASED. Can you give her both that and the website address for them? Her e-mail is nancy.simmons@usdoj.gov.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Sounds good. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 4:03 PM  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Fraud Definition

Tova:

We can certainly discuss this at the Working Group meeting. (The draft definition had already been sent out by the time I read your message.) There may be other VRA provisions that should be considered as well, such as the prohibition on removing the names of certain registrants, who were registered by federal examiners, without obtaining prior approval of the Justice Department.

After I received your email, I asked Barry Weinberg to review the draft definition and consider if we have left off examples of Voting Rights Act violations that would qualify as election fraud. Barry, during his 25 years with DOJ, led aggressive action against attempts to place police at the polls to intimidate voters, challenges targeting minorities, failure to provide election materials and assistance in languages other than English (in covered jurisdictions), etc. His input should prove helpful. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

05/12/2006 09:48  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

Subject

Re: Fraud Definition

How about specifying Section 2 and 203 of the VRA?

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov  
To: wang@tcf.org  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2006 1:34 PM  
Subject: RE: Fraud Definition

Lets raise this issue at the meeting. (I'll add "DRAFT" to the current document.) My concern is that there are a number of requirements in the Voting Rights Act. Not all of them are considered election fraud, when violated. For example, failure to preclear changes in election procedures

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is not treated as election fraud, though it is actionable. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/12/2006 12:45 PM

psims@eac.gov,  
[REDACTED]

To

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/17/2006 09:56 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Report on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Research

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Craig:

I'm putting the finishing touches on a status report to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Board of Advisors on our Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. For the most part, I am using our consultants summaries for the report, but one bullet under the interview summaries is giving me heartburn. It is the bullet that references the decrease in DOJ voter intimidation actions. It is one of the places in which our consultants had indicated that your office is focussing on prosecuting individuals. I have reworded it and would like your feedback on the revision:

Several people indicate - including representatives from DOJ -- that for various reasons, the Department of Justice is bringing fewer voter intimidation and suppression cases now, and has increased its focus on matters such as noncitizen voting, double voting, and felon voting. While the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division focuses on systemic patterns of malfeasance, the Election Crimes Branch of the Public Integrity Section has increased prosecutions of individual instances of felon, alien, and double voting while also maintaining an aggressive pursuit of systematic schemes to corrupt the electoral process.

Please suggest any changes that you think would further clarify the current approach. --- Peggy  
--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/15/2006 01:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Thursday

No problem. I've got the conference room reserved from Noon to 6 PM, so you can come earlier. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/15/2006 11:36 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject thursday

Is it OK if I come around 12:30 or so to make sure I have all my materials arranged properly for presentation? Thanks.

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject RE: Travel Reimbursement

I did not realize that I had to itemize the per diem, so yes, that was an oversight. There was a \$5 service charge. I will forward you the documentation on that. Thanks so much. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2006 1:50 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Craig C. Donsanto"  
<cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
05/30/2006 11:02 PM

To "peggy sims" <psims@eac.gov>  
cc

Subject Fwd: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail address

--- "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Date: Tue, 30 May 2006 19:57:36 -0700 (PDT)  
> From: "Craig C. Donsanto" <cdonsanto@yahoo.com>  
> Subject: Re: Article to your secondary e-mail  
> address  
> To: "Elliott, Michael (LA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov>  
>  
> Mike - -  
>  
> As we say back where I come from: this article is  
> "wicked pissah"!  
>  
> The woman mentioned in this piece towards the end  
> has

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> been contracted with the Election Assistance  
> Commission to do a study of electoral fraud in the  
> US.  
> She is my problem, and she doesn't have a clue --  
> despite the fact that she has had the rare  
> opportunity  
> to interview me and get stats from me and my  
> colleagues on our electoral fraud cases.  
>  
> You should be most proud of this article as it  
> accurately captures the soul of what you and I are  
> trying to do in this very important area of federal  
> law enforcement.

> And greetings from Hilton Head, South Carolina - -

> --- "Elliott, Michael (IA) (IC)"  
> <Michael.Elliott@ic.fbi.gov> wrote:

> > Craig,

> > As requested, please find below The Hill article  
> on  
> the CF&BF  
> Initiative:

> > <http://thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/052506/news4.ht>

> > ml

> > Michael

> > SSA Michael B. Elliott

> > Public Corruption/Governmental Fraud Unit

> > FBIHQ, Room 3975

> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]

> > Craig C. Donsanto  
> > cdonsanto@yahoo.com

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> Do You Yahoo!?  
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> protection around  
> http://mail.yahoo.com  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/01/2006 03:04 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject FW: Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17,  
2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** travel@expedia.com [mailto:travel@expedia.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 4:55 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Expedia travel confirmation - Washington, DC - May 17, 2006 - (Itin# 116272039590)

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/31/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Notes

Peggy:

I will not be home from Las Vegas until Saturday. I was given an offer for a career clerking position with a federal judge and accepted. I will be relocating in December.

Job

*psims@eac.gov* wrote:

Sorry. We have had so much going on, I did not have time to send the attached to you last week. This is Devon's compilation of notes taken by EAC staff at the working group meeting. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

Hi Peg,

How are you? I was wondering, whatever happened to getting the collective notes of the EAC staff?

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

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05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes 

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject notes

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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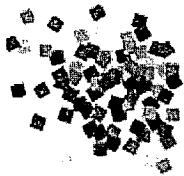
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ---



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

>  
> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.

> --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

> cc

> serebrov@sbcglobal.net

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

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> 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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> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

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> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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>  
> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
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> >  
> >  
> > wang@tcf.org  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
> >  
> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > CC  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> >  
> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
> >  
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> > >  
> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > > wang@tcf.org  
> > >  
> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
> > > AM  
> > > psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > >  
> > > Re: Re:

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Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "  
cc

Subject more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc

Subject RE: Will Call Later

005114

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

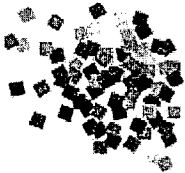
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. 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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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

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  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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>> 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  
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wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:15  
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psims@eac.gov

To

cc

"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

Subject

>> Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of  
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>> in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did  
>> you get my recommendations? Thanks.  
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>> Tova  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/13/2006 10:07 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Transcripts, Etc.

I can't do that time, I'll be at an event in DC.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 8:10 AM

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To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.  
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>  
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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wang@tcf.org

06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?  
----- Original Message -----  
From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM  
Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:  
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> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.  
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> Job  
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> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:  
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>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm  
>> EST?  
>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM  
>> Subject: Re: teleconference  
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>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.  
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>> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:  
>> >  
>> >> Hi Job,  
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>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> 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.  
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>> >> Tova  
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>> >> Tova Andrea Wang  
>> >> Democracy Fellow  
>> >> The Century Foundation  
>> >> 41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
>> >> phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> wang@tcf.org  
> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

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> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: <wang@tcf.org>

> Cc:

> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM

> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Ioh.Serebrov"  


cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference 

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What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
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>> To: <wang@tcf.org>  
>> Cc: [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

To psims@eac.gov

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06/09/2006 09:20 AM

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 8:17 AM  
To: Tova Wang  
Subject: RE: Transcript & Teleconference

Normally I am not home for lunch.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> What about during a lunch hour?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM  
> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! .Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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wang@tcf.org

06/15/2006 03:30 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: teleconference

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Subject Re: voucher 

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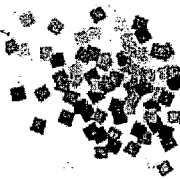
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 03:44 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

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To: dromig@eac.gov

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051806.TXT Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, [REDACTED]

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wang@tcf.org



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
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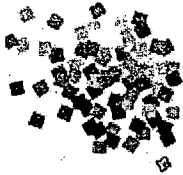
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

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"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
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06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

005150

06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
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Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

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Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition!

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Subject RE: Teleconference

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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[REDACTED]

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Hi Peg and Job,  
>  
> I don't know how we might be able to use these but  
> here, finally, are the

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> super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we  
> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM  
To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: nexis

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> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
>

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: <wang@tcf.org>  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"  
> [REDACTED]  
> Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various  
>  
>  
> > That would be great on the contract.  
> >  
> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.  
> I know you don't want  
> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,  
> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to  
> talk to you and Tom and any  
> > of the commissioners about this further if that  
> would be helpful. I am  
> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
> >  
> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
> >  
> >  
> >> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one  
> > I did attend, but I  
> >> agree the issue is taking up too much of your  
> > time. I just wanted you to  
> >> be forewarned that the paragraph has already  
> > raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> > about that.  
> >>  
> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> > this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> > Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> > and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> > other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> > contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> > we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
> >>  
> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
> >>  
> >>  
> >>  
> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> > some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> > We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> > (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
> >>  
> >> Job  
> >>  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg



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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report

Peg,  
Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To Job Serebrov  
cc  
Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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> >>  
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 > >> Hi, Whats going on? I have not received  
 > responses from either one of  
 > > you  
 > >> in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next  
 > two weeks if we can.  
 > Did  
 > >> you get my recommendations? Thanks.  
 > >>  
 > >> Tova  
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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject travel

Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
 06/08/2006 05:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
 [REDACTED]  
 cc  
 Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we could talk then?

Re your question on the mileage, I have approached our Financial Officer with a request that you receive full reimbursement on the grounds that your actual total travel costs are less than the estimated total travel costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more expensive hotels, and received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of 1). I have not yet received a response from her and she has been out of the office much of this week, so I don't know what she decided to do. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peg:

I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take time during the work day for telephone conferences. As I told you I will need to finish this project after daily working hours. I am still getting things done from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and expand on mine this weekend.

Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled the mileage portion of my travel voucher?

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job. ---

> Peggy

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>

> wang@tcf.org

> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM

>

> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject

> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> > > >  
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> > > >  
> > > > How will you be getting it to us? Will it be  
> > > something you can email?  
> > > > And  
> > > >  
> > > > can we set up a call for some time in the next  
> > few  
> > > days? Thanks.  
> > > > ----- Original Message -----  
> > > > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > > > To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> > > > Cc: [REDACTED]  
> > > > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:35 AM  
> > > > Subject: Re:  
> > > >  
> > > >  
> > > > > 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  
> > > >  
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> > > > wang@tcf.org  
> > > >  
> > > > 06/08/2006 09:15 To  
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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/21/2006 11:00 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject nexis

Hi Peg and Job,

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absentee nexis chart 2FORMAT.xls 'dead' voters and multiple voting nexis chartFORMAT.xls intimidation and suppressionFORMAT.xls



voter registration fraud nexischartFORMAT.xls I don't know how we might be able to use these but here, finally, are the super-refined versions of the nexis charts. Can we include them? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/19/2006 01:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: voucher

Thats a first! Thanks -- I'll fax and send. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: voucher

Looks good to me! --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/19/2006 08:40 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject voucher

Hi Peg,

Attached is my voucher for the last month -- can you check it quickly before I send it? Also, are we good for Wednesday at 7? Thanks. Tova

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To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject gao report

This has information on many of our topics, but they also surveyed jurisdictions on voter reg fraud coming up with a rate of 5%

Elections: The Nation's Evolving Election System as Reflected in the November 2004 General Election. GAO-06-450, June 6.  
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-450>  
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06450high.pdf>

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Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV  
06/07/2006 09:58 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

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Not that I know of. Would it have gone to Bryan possibly? Our public meeting transcripts go to him.

Joyce H. Wilson  
Staff Assistant  
US Election Assistance Commission  
202-566-3100 (office)  
202-566-3128 (fax)

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/09/2006 04:50 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Travel & Transcripts [REDACTED]

Our Financial Officer accepted my arguments. You should receive a travel reimbursement totalling \$1,200.03. GSA will reimburse through electronic funds transfer. I don't usually receive notification when our consultants are reimbursed.

I still have no transcripts. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 10:42 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we

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> could talk then?  
>  
> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.  
> --- Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> 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.

> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

> Job

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.

> ---  
> > Peggy

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> > >> Tova  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



wang@tcf.org

06/14/2006 10:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: teleconference

Could you do Friday in the morning?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

To: <wang@tcf.org>; <psims@eac.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 10:17 PM

Subject: Re: teleconference

> Tova:

>

> 5 pm EST is 4 pm Central. Peg would have to call at 7  
> pm EST to be 6 pm Central.

>

> Job

>

> --- wang@tcf.org wrote:

>

>> Let's try to do that. Peg, you will call us 5 pm

>> EST?

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

>> Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2006 6:29 PM

>> Subject: Re: teleconference

>>

>>

>> > Wednesday next week? It would have to be 6 pm.

>> >

>> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

>> >

>> >> Hi Job,

>> >>

>> >> Peg tells me that we should now be getting the

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>> >> transcript early next week.  
>> >> Regardless, we should talk about the organization  
>> >> and distribution of work  
>> >> on the final report and try to finally get it  
>> done.  
>> >> Would it be possible  
>> >> for you to do a call before you leave for work in  
>> >> the morning, say 8 am your  
>> >> time, on Wednesday? If not, could you do 6 pm  
>> your  
>> >> time on Wednesday?  
>> >> Thanks.  
>> >>  
>> >> Tova  
>> >>  
>> >> Tova Andrea Wang.  
>> >> [REDACTED]  
>> >> [REDACTED]  
>> >> [REDACTED]  
>> >> [REDACTED]  
>> >> [REDACTED]  
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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/08/2006 01:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peggy  
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>  
> wang@tcf.org  
> 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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>  
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>  
> Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at 3.  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> Cc: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> electronic copy. If we  
> > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and email  
> it to the two of you.  
> > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a brief  
> teleconference? I  
> > really can't do it before them because of other  
> commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > wang@tcf.org  
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> > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
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> psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/19/2006 02:12 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject Re: pay/travel

Your personal services invoice should be paid this week (Thursday or Friday). The payment of travel costs will take longer. I'll check with Finance to see if we can get an estimated date from GSA. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
06/18/2006 12:31 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject pay/travel

Peggy:

I need you to check on Monday to see when I will get my last invoice paid as well as my travel which was going to be expedited.

Are we still talking on Wednesday at 7 EST?

Thanks,

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Simmons, Nancy"  
<Nancy.Simmons@usdoj.gov>  
>  
06/20/2006 06:52 PM

To aambrogi@eac.gov  
cc psims@eac.gov, "Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
Subject list of state election crimes

Adam, Craig thought you were looking for a list of federal statutes, which are discussed in our election fraud manual. We don't have lists of state election crimes. Craig suggests that you contact Peggy Sims at the EAC - she's a wonderful resource, and I'm including her in my reply. Good luck.

Nancy

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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

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06/19/2006 03:19 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Peggy--We sent the request to the Finance Center on 6/13. Finance quotes a 2 week turnaround.

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 02:28 PM

To DScott@eac.gov  
cc Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Travel Reimbursement for Serebrov

Would it be possible to find out how fast GSA will be able to process the travel reimbursement for Job Serebrov? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:30 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
cc  
Subject Re: Teleconference

OK. Next Monday (6-26) at 7 PM EST. I'll call you.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld .

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/21/2006 09:34 PM

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To: wang@tcf.org; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: Teleconference

Monday at 7 EST is ok with me. What about you Peg?

Job

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> How about Monday at 6:30 or 7 est?  
> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Tova Andrea Wang"  
> <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 6:21 PM  
> Subject: Re: Teleconference  
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> > It will need to be early next week. What news of  
> the  
> transcript?  
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
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> >>  
> >> I am sorry, but I have to postpone the  
> >> teleconference originally scheduled  
> >> for this evening. Is another day this week or  
> early  
> >> next week good for you  
> >> two?  
> >> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/19/2006 12:30 PM

To Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

cc Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Fw: The 7th Edition! [img alt="document icon"/>

I have a copy of Donsanto's IFES paper, if you need it. We used it as one of the resources for the vote fraud-voter intimidation research. --- Peggy

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Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

06/15/2006 05:01 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC, Gavin S.  
Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: The 7th Edition!

Here's an update from Craig on his Election Crimes book. The last was published in 1995.

----- Forwarded by Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV on 06/15/2006 08:38 AM -----



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

06/13/2006 08:04 PM

To bwhitener@eac.gov

cc

Subject The 7th Edition!

It is written and currently in the Deputy AG's office for policy review.

I have published the two most substantive chapters of the new book as private, personal papers under the aegis of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), for which I have done a lot of work around the world. I recommend that you access IFES' website and go to the "Money and Politics" part of their extensive site. I should have two papers available there, one addressing Abuse of the Franchise (published in connection with work I did last year in Liberia) and the other involving Federal Campaign Finance Crime" done in connection with work in Bosnia.

If you can't find them this way, please call me: 202-514-1421.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/21/2006 12:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Teleconference

Anyday anytime except tomorrow is OK by me. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2006 11:15 AM  
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov  
Subject: Teleconference

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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"Job Serebrov"

06/22/2006 09:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Suggestions



RECOMMENDATIONS.doc Peggy:

When Tova sent me her suggestions I made some changes and additions. Tova later wrote to me and said she expected me to come up with my own list. Due to time constraints and at risk of duplication I rather go with the corrected suggestions.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: nexis

I have no objection to amending the official findings/CD to add these.

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> I don't know how we might be able to use these but  
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> include them? Thanks.  
> Tova  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/22/2006 10:31 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: nexis

Fine by me.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Sent: 06/21/2006 06:25 PM

To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>; psims@eac.gov

Subject: Re: nexis

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/20/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject question

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Am I correct in assuming that I still cannot discuss the findings of our report? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 10:02 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Various

For Donsanto to be able to do this, we would need enough time and money to contact all interviewees and also permit comment from them. However, in this matter I am 100% in agreement with Tova.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this  
> is to allow Donsanto  
> and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so  
> to provide a statement  
> that would be included in the report and in the  
> record.

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <wang@tcf.org>

> To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov"

> [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> > That would be great on the contract.

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> > If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very

> > uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well.

> I know you don't want

> > to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue,

> > and I think Job does too. I would be happy to

> talk to you and Tom and any

> > of the commissioners about this further if that

> would be helpful. I am

> > available by cell over the next four days and in

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> the office all next week.  
> >  
> > Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.  
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> > Tova  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> > Subject: Re: Various  
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> raised red flags in DC of and  
> >> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said  
> about that.  
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> >> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you  
> >> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting  
> Officer will approve a  
> >> contract mod to provide for some additional hours  
> and money to  
> >> incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall  
> >> within the tasks specified in the current  
> contract. We won't get 60  
> >> thou, but there might be a little year end money  
> we can use to finish  
> >> this off properly.  
> >> Peg  
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> >> -----  
> >> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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> >> ----- Original Message -----  
> >> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> >> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
> >> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
> >> Subject: Various  
> >>  
> >> Peg:  
> >>  
> >> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle  
> some  
> >> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
> >> reimbursement?  
> >>  
> >> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
> >> agree about what we heard during the interview.  
> We  
> >> also agree that this is taking up too much time  
> (of  
> >> which we have so little left) and is a minor part

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> of  
> >> one interview which makes up one of thirty  
> interviews.  
> >> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not  
> in on  
> >> the interview and thus do not know what was said  
> and  
> >> we are not giving those interviewed the  
> opportunity,  
> >> especially given how long ago the interviews  
> were, to  
> >> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give  
> us  
> >> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
> >> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
> >> comments. In any case, we can't include comments  
> from  
> >> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
> >> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
> >> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
> >> statement in one interview that there is a  
> >> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the  
> paragraph  
> >> as you do---I remember what was said---the  
> paragraph  
> >> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other  
> DOJ  
> >> electoral investigations.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:47 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: U.S. News & World Report 

Here it is. --- Peg



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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06/27/2006 01:12 PM

To: Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Re: U.S. News & World Report

Peg,

Would you please send me the document regarding this project that was submitted to the Standards Bd?

Jeannie Layson  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW  
Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 202-566-3100  
www.eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:37 PM

To: psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject: methodology

As you may recall, the working group expressed interest in the risk analysis method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on voting machines employs this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the attached, it provides a potential model. I think it might be worth including this as an appendix or footnote in the methodology section. Please let me know what you think. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:31 PM

To: Job Serebrov

cc

Subject: Contract Hours & Payments for Services

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Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Serebrov Payment Tracking.xls

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM ---



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM


To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 10:28 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject Please Change This

Peggy:

In the transcript, there is one serious mistake that must be changed immediately. On page 5 it indicates that I helped review and draft changes to the election code of Libya. It should be Namibia not Libya. The reason this is so serious if it stands is that at the time I reviewed Namibia's Code it was illegal for Americans to deal with Libya. I need to know that this has been corrected any ALL parties who have seen the transcript notified.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

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I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: outline of final report

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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Subject RE: donsanto interview

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Tova

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 12:00 PM  
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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

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I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
CC "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
Subject donsanto interview

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06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

Peg:

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Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I  
> did attend, but I agree the issue is taking up too  
> much of your time. I just wanted you to be forewarned  
> that the paragraph has already raised red flags in  
> DC of and is likely to result in an edit. Enough  
> said about that.

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> I am concerned about the number of hours left for  
> this project. If you and Tova both agree, I'll see  
> if our Contracting Officer will approve a contract  
> mod to provide for some additional hours and money  
> to incorporate comments received on the report and  
> other efforts that fall within the tasks specified  
> in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but  
> there might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

> Peg

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting [REDACTED]

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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— Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM —

"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM —

"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: definition



I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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"Igor Serebry"

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Subject Methodology for Cases



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06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

Peggy:

Still no travel funds. Please see what you can fund out on Monday. At this point this is late.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

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> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,

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> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

>> -----  
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

>> Subject: Various

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>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Travel Funds

Can you please find out where GSA is with this reimbursement? Thanks. --- Peggy

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"Job Serobrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Job

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



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06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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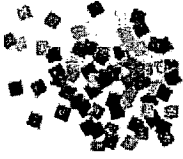
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



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"Job Serebrov"

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov

**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I thought I emailed an account of your hours used. Just in case I didn't, here it is again.



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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-----Original Message-----

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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wang@tcf.org  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

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The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.  
> Tova  
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07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Travel Funds [REDACTED]

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

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To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc twilkey@eac.gov

Subject Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



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Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/G  
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07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

It sounds similar to the issues I had with the Donsanto interview. It was a classic example of the interviewers' interpreting what was said through their own biases.

It also is true that the original interview summaries failed to differentiate between the criminal definition of intimidation and the consultants use of the term.. The consultants have revised their definition to note that it goes beyond the legal definition, but we may need to repeat the statement where the DOJ interviews are referenced.

I have already brought the Donsanto matter to our contractors' attention. When they responded that they did not think they should redraft that section, I told them that the section will likely be edited. It appears that we will have to do the same with the reference to Tanner's interview.

Why don't we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/11/2006 09:46 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

His concerns are that there were inaccurate or false statements about DOJ on pages 5 and 6, that in his words demonstrated a lack of understanding of criminal law.

Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

Perhaps he was looking at the report that was delivered to the EAC boards. Let's find out what his concerns are so that we can address them.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins

**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 02:34 PM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/10/2006 02:29 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/10/2006 10:55 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Cc:** Thomas Wilkey  
**Subject:** Fraud and Intimidation Study

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 10:55 AM

To: Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc: "Tom Wilkey" <twilkey@eac.gov>

Subject: Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

It sounds similar to the issues I had with the Donsanto interview. It was a classic example of the interviewers' interpreting what was said through their own biases.

It also is true that the original interview summaries failed to differentiate between the criminal definition of intimidation and the consultants use of the term.. The consultants have revised their definition to note that it goes beyond the legal definition, but we may need to repeat the statement where the DOJ interviews are referenced.

I have already brought the Donsanto matter to our contractors' attention. When they responded that they did not think they should redraft that section, I told them that the section will likely be edited. It appears that we will have to do the same with the reference to Tanner's interview.

Why don't we discuss this with Tanner (and Donsanto) after we have had a chance to review a consolidated draft of the final report? We can determine what clarifications or corrections are necessary at that time.

Peg

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
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**From:** Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins  
**Sent:** 07/11/2006 09:46 AM  
**To:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

His concerns are that there were inaccurate or false statements about DOJ on pages 5 and 6, that in his words demonstrated a lack of understanding of criminal law.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:38 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: methodology

Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 07/03/2006 11:37 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

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> Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

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>  
>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>>  
>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.  
>> Peg

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>> -----  
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
>> Subject: Various

>>  
>> Peg:  
>>  
>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>>  
>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph

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>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy


----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

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06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

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07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: final report 

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks.  
Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
> To: psims@eac.gov  
> Subject: Re: Travel Reimbursement

> Peg:

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07/03/2006 11:30 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

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Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

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Subject

Re: FW: methodology

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It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

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Cc: [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject RE: final report

appendices attached, except Peg I think you put together the list of the working group members? In any case, I can't find one at the moment, but it would be easy enough to put together. Perhaps even Devon or someone could do that, especially since I don't think I have any hours left, and probably shouldn't even be writing this email. I don't remember the conversation about adding to the list of interviewees, but we can talk about that later.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [<mailto:psims@eac.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2006 9:13 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** 'Job Serebrov'; wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: final report

Thanks. I probably won't be able to start getting into this until tomorrow AM. I noticed that the appendices weren't attached. I think we discussed earlier that the list of interviewees needed to

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have more information for the final report, and the list of books and documents should be presented in the same manner as a bibliography for the final report. We can talk more about this tonight during our teleconference at 7 PM EST. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 09:33 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org  
Subject final report

Hi Peg,

Attached please find **drafts** of the sections for the final report. Job, **please** double check I'm not missing anything or sent the wrong version of anything. I'm very concerned I may have. Is there a summary of the case review that I should have? Also, as we discussed, the attached does not include all of the individual summaries and charts which we already gave you for the working group and which have not changed. Peg, we'll want to see the complete set of the materials you plan to give to the commissioners, et.al., before you do so. If you could both let me know if all the formatting is OK, that would be great too. Thanks so much and look forward to talking to you at 7 EST.

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To Tova Andrea Wang

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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07/17/2006 05:51 PM  
To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

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Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/18/2006 03:46 PM

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cc

Subject RE: final report 

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



Wang voucher 6-18 to 7-15.doc

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To twilkey@eac.gov, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue , NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eaccon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc

Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** wang@tcf.org ; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** dromig@eac.gov

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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)

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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 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.

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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

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05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

005252

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

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05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:33 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

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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.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 01:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Notes

Peg, I'm sorry, but this is really not helpful. Its another outline. I guess we have to wait for the transcript. I wish now I had taken notes myself! Thanks anyway. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2006 12:31 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Working Group Notes

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject notes

005257



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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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/01/2006 02:50 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

Tova:

In reviewing your travel reimbursement request that arrived in my In box this week, I noticed that you did not include per diem in your request for payment. Was that an oversight? I calculate that you would be eligible for a total of \$160 in per diem for the trip ( \$48 for Wednesday 5/17, \$64 for Thursday 5/18, and \$48 for Friday 5/19). Also, the airfare receipt shows a total charge of \$288.60, but the amount you requested for airfare was \$293.60. Perhaps there was a service fee that does not show on the receipt. Can you clarify? --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/31/2006 01:30 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Working Group Notes [REDACTED]

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VFVI Meeting Summary.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

05/31/2006 11:26 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject notes

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"Tova Wang"  
<[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>  
06/02/2006 04:50 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc  
Subject transcript

Hi Peg,

Do you have an ETA for the transcript? Seems like it should be around now. Thanks and have a great weekend. Tova

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[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)  
06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject

005259



Hi, Whats going on? I have not received responses from either one of you in a week. I'd like to wrap this up in the next two weeks if we can. Did you get my recommendations? Thanks.

Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 09:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: [REDACTED]

Sorry. We have been swamped with other program activities and preparations for today's testimony before House Admin. We have not yet received the transcript of the Working Group session. Devon checked with the court reporter, who said it will be delivered today. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/08/2006 09:15 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject

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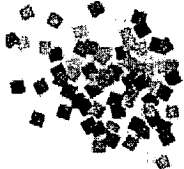
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:08 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc jwilson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting [REDACTED]



Tim at Carol reporting said the transcript will be here today or tomorrow.

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United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

005260

202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov

cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 08:53 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: Transcript & Teleconference

Hi Peg,

How do you recommend dealing with this? I have this feeling like he's trying to create a situation where I will have to write it myself. Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:42 PM

To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference

Peggy:

I can't predict when I get home but it is between 5:30 and 6:30 my time. I know that is generally too late to have a teleconference.

I plan to review Tova's recommendations this weekend and work on my own as well as expanding the explanation of the case section.

Please see what your financial officer did with regards to my travel.

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Thank you,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> What time do you arrive home from work? Perhaps we  
> could talk then?

>  
> Re your question on the mileage, I have approached  
> our Financial Officer  
> with a request that you receive full reimbursement  
> on the grounds that  
> your actual total travel costs are less than the  
> estimated total travel  
> costs if you had flown to DC, stayed in our more  
> expensive hotels, and  
> received the higher per diem for 3 days (instead of  
> 1). I have not yet  
> received a response from her and she has been out of  
> the office much of  
> this week, so I don't know what she decided to do.

> --- Peggy

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 06/08/2006 01:10 PM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
> cc

> [REDACTED]  
> Subject  
> Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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> Peg:

>  
> I just arrived home for lunch. I can no longer take  
> time during the work day for telephone conferences.  
> As  
> I told you I will need to finish this project after  
> daily working hours. I am still getting things done  
> from being out for ten days. I will review Tova's recommendations and  
> expand on mine this weekend.

>  
> Also, I sent you an e-mail asking how you handled  
> the  
> mileage portion of my travel voucher?

> Job

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

005262

>  
> > 4 PM EST is fine with me, if it works for Job.  
> ---  
> > Peggy  
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> >  
> > wang@tcf.org  
> > 06/08/2006 10:10 AM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> > Can we make it 4 est? I have another meeting at  
> > 3.  
> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> > To: <wang@tcf.org>  
> > Cc: <[REDACTED]>  
> > Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:55 AM  
> > Subject: Re: Transcript & Teleconference  
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> >  
> > > I'll see how it comes in. I hope we receive an  
> > > electronic copy. If we  
> > > only receive a hard copy, we can pdf it and  
> > > email  
> > > it to the two of you.  
> > > How about Monday afternoon at 3 PM EST for a  
> > > brief  
> > > teleconference? I  
> > > really can't do it before them because of other  
> > > commitments. --- Peggy  
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> > > wang@tcf.org  
> > >  
> > > 06/08/2006 09:42 To  
> > > AM  
> > > psims@eac.gov  
> > > cc  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > Subject  
> > >  
> > > Re: Re:







Hi again,

I just got the bill from our car service from the trip last month. Can I still send it to you? Do I need a cover note? Thanks. Tova

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 12:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject: more gao

Sorry, its 500 pages -- it also includes data on absentee fraud and voter intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
06/12/2006 05:09 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later [REDACTED]

005266

How about 9:30 AM EST, Wednesday morning (6/14/06)?

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 04:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

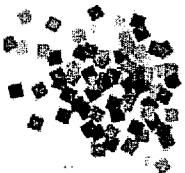
Either between 9 and 10 or between 12 and 1:30 would be ideal, but I should be around most of the afternoon. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2006 2:39 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Will Call Later

I'll try to call you Wednesday. Is there a time that is best for you? Today has been too hectic. 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

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM ---



Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 10:01 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

I will call the transcript company and ask them about it.

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United States Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
www.eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/07/2006 09:47 AM

To dromig@eac.gov, jwilson@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Transcript of 5-18-06 Working Group Meeting

005267

Have we had any word about the transcript for the 5-18-06 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting? Our consultants each need a copy so that they can draft the final report? If we have it in electronic form, so much the better. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:19 PM -----

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 01:02 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement for Job Sebrevov

Peggy,

Regarding his travel for the EAC's May 18 meeting, I would concur with you that we should reimburse Mr. Serebrov in the amount of \$1200.03 for travel related expenses (hotel/mileage/per diem). Since there is a \$577.95 dollar difference in cost (travel via air vs travel via POV), I believe the \$1200.03 is more economically advantageous to the Agency. Attached is your drafted memo.



JobSerebrov\$1200.03reimbursement.pdf

Diana M. Scott  
Administrative Officer  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/09/2006 04:45 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: travel 

Got It! You should receive a total travel reimbursement of \$1,533.02 for that trip. (I could not include the internet service fee the hotel charged, but everything else counted.) --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

005268



<wang@tcf.org>  
06/09/2006 04:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: travel

I'll fax it to you if that works. The total is \$124.44. Thank you. Have a nice weekend. Tova  
-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2006 3:03 PM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Re: travel

Send it now. Let me know how much it is, so that I can include it in the total for reimbursement. ---  
Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

06/09/2006 01:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject travel

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/12/2006 05:11 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Will Call Later

Perfect. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/05/2006 04:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject

005270



recommendations

Here are my recommendations with the last one now included. Please let me know about the transcript and when you all want to talk about getting the final report done. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebroy"

[Redacted]

06/13/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Transcripts, Etc.

Peggy:

Any sign of the transcript? Will the other members of the working group get a copy? I have had questions from several about it.

If you want to talk I can do so this Friday at 6 pm your time.

Job

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:18 PM ---

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/08/2006 11:07 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [Redacted]

Subject Re: Transcript & Teleconference

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wang@tcf.org

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 12:12 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject U.S. News & World Report

Jeannie

We suspect that someone from the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project Working Group has been talking to reporters, tipping them off about what we are finding in our preliminary study, and referring them to our consultants (although the information could have come from anyone on the EAC boards, too). Apparently, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who contacted me also contacted both consultants working on the project.

Based on my recommendation, Tova Wang and, possibly, Job Serebrov, who are on EAC personal services contracts for our voting fraud and voter intimidation research, will seek further clarification from you about what they can and cannot say to reporters and in public fora about vote fraud and voter intimidation and about EAC's research. I have previously advised Tova and Job not to discuss the work they are doing for us as this is EAC research, the Commissioners have not yet received and accepted the final report, and the Commission has not approved their speaking about the EAC research.

Tova plans to call you tomorrow (Tuesday, June 27) about the issue. In addition to the reporter's inquiry, she has been invited to speak on the subject at the summer conference of the National Association of State Legislatures. She has plenty of knowledge of the subject in her own right (apart from our study), but is having trouble differentiating between her own work and the work she is doing for us. Please, just let me know what you advise her to do.

--- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:27 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: invoice

Attached is an updated schedule showing 2 more invoice periods. I'll send separate spreadsheets to you and Job showing what funds and hours have been used and what are available. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject invoice

Hi Peg,

What is the current invoice schedule? Thanks.

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/30/2006 10:01 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various

005273



I would make time to discuss this. I feel that any edit would be wrong while a comment at the end of the interview by the Commission would not be. But in this case, two of us remember it one way and one the other way.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> That would be great on the contract.  
>  
> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will  
> be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I  
> know you don't want to  
> spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a  
> rather important issue, and  
> I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to  
> you and Tom and any of  
> the commissioners about this further if that would  
> be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the  
> office all next week.

> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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> might be a little year end money we can use to  
> finish this off properly.

>> Peg

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:13 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject Re: outline of final report [REDACTED]

I'll need to get back to you on this and the definition tomorrow (too many things going on today). In the meantime, I have attached the written status report that was presented to the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors, because I can't remember if I ever provided the final version to the two of you. The status report is primarily made up of your preliminary reports, with some intro information provided and a brief summary of recommendations discussed at the Working Group meeting. This may or may not help the two of you in preparing the final. You can use any of it, or none of it. I am sure that your product will be much better than this quickly pulled together thing. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

06/27/2006 12:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject outline of final report

Does this work for you?

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Pay

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Peg:

So far no travel pay. Tova got hers a couple of days ago. Please call and check. I need it.

Thanks,

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
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To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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cc [REDACTED]twilkey@eac.gov

Subject RE: donsanto interview

I don't think anyone disagrees that DOJ's earlier policy was to prosecute organized conspiracies, not individual violators. This policy was based both on existing law and resources available. Donsanto made that clear in numerous presentations before election officials, though I doubt he would have highlighted the resource issue in any of his written reports.

I did *not* hear Donsanto say that there was a shift in resources and energy *away from* prosecuting organized conspiracies in order to pursue prosecutions of individuals. I think we should avoid implying that this is the case. I understood his statement to address a shift in DOJ resources and energy to support increased efforts to prosecute election crimes, including the expansion of prosecutions to include individual incidents. I have not seen, nor do I think Donsanto has ever stated, that there has been a decrease in the effort to prosecute organized conspiracies to corrupt the process. Yet, adequate resources continue to be an issue, as Donsanto noted in his interview and at the Working Group meeting (when referring to having to decide which of two voter suppression cases to prosecute because he didn't have the resources to do both).

Your reference to policy based on law reminded me that changes in federal law, and an evolution in the understanding of how to use newer law, also would have affected DOJ's decision to add the prosecution of individuals for such violations as registering and voting when not a U.S. citizen or when a convicted felon. Earlier federal law did not directly address voter registration by felons, permitting *federal* prosecution in such instances only where it could be shown that the applicant *knowingly and willfully*

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provided false information as to his or her eligibility to vote. Earlier federal law permitted the prosecution of noncitizens for registering to vote based on false claims of the U.S. citizenship that each State required for registering to vote in federal elections, but did not require U.S. citizenship to vote in federal elections. These laws made *federal* prosecution of noncitizen and felon voter registration and voting much more challenging. With the implementation of the NVRA in 1995, we began to see federal election law that could more easily be used for federal prosecution of both voter registration and voting by noncitizens and convicted felons. And, late in 1996, immigration reform legislation was passed that clearly prohibits noncitizens from voting in federal elections (without requiring the "knowing and willful" component).

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06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:29 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Contract Hours & Payments for Services

Here is the spreadsheet I have for you. Please let me know if you notice any discrepancies. Thanks. ---  
Peggy



Wang Payment Tracking.xls

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 06:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov [REDACTED]"

cc

Subject Re: Various

Not yet. The problem is that so many folks seem to be off for a long 4th of

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July weekend.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Various

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Job

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

06/30/2006 07:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc

Subject Re: Various

Peg:

Its ok with me as long as we finish before the end of November.

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/26/2006 04:38 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

I wasn't planning on circulating the transcript to the Commissioners. Most of them probably don't have the time to go through the whole thing. I will let them know it is available, if they are interested in reviewing it.  
--- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

06/23/2006 01:04 PM

To dromig@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Wow, there are a lot of errors in this. But at least it gets at the substance. Will this be circulated to the commissioners?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2006 2:45 PM

**To:** psims@eac.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED], wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: May 18, 2006 Meeting

Good news!!! The transcript is finally here.

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----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 06/22/2006 03:44 PM -----  
"Carol J. Thomas Reporting" [REDACTED]

06/22/2006 03:24 PM

To dromig@eac.gov  
cc jwilson@eac.gov  
Subject May 18, 2006 Meeting

Dear EAC,

Attached please note the ASCII file for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Meeting taken on Wednesday, May 18, 2006. Your transcript has been shipped to you.

ASCII file name: 051806.txt

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Timothy Brischler, Office Manager, 703.273.9221

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

06/27/2006 10:07 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: definition

I am ok with it.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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Subject Methodology for Cases



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 04:05 PM

To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: US News & World Report inquiry

Jeannie:

Here are my responses:

*1. When will EAC receive the preliminary report on voter intimidation and voting fraud?*

I anticipate that we will have a draft final report from our consultants in 2-3 weeks, after our consultants have had time to review the transcript from the project Working Group meeting, which was not available until last week.

*2. When we receive the preliminary report, what is the EAC process to formulate a final product that will be made public?*

First, Commissioners and Commission staff will have to review the preliminary draft. Then a draft will be submitted to the EAC Standards Board and EAC Advisory Board for review and comment. This second step is taken in accordance with HAVA §247, which requires EAC to carry out its duties under Title II, Subtitle C (Studies and Other Activities to Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections) in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors.

*3. When will we make this research available to the public? What form will it be in? (Best practices, etc.)*

The final report cannot be made public until it has been accepted by the Commissioners. Normally, this does not happen until the researcher(s) submit a final report that has been revised to address clarifications and corrections deemed necessary through the review process described above. The time it takes for the researchers to produce this final report will depend, somewhat, on the number of clarifications and corrections deemed necessary.

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As the researchers were charged with conducting preliminary background research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in the U.S., this report will not include recommended best practices. It will summarize the preliminary research as well as the deliberations of our project Working Group. It also will include recommendations for future EAC activity related to the development of: (1) methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud and voter intimidation; and (2) nationwide statistics on voting fraud.

If the reporter has spoken to Secretary Rokita, who maintains that EAC has no authority to conduct this research, you may want to note that EAC initiated this preliminary research on voting fraud and voter intimidation in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, (HAVA) §241, which requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [§241(b)(6)]; and
- ways of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [§241(b)(7)].

At its 2005 meeting, EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority.

Peggy Sims  
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Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV

06/27/2006 02:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov, twilkey@eac.gov

cc

Subject US News & World Report inquiry

Please provide answers to the following questions, posed to me by US News & World Report's Scott Michels. I need this info by the end of the day to meet his deadline.

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06/29/2006 01:00 PM

To: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL, Job  
Serebrov  
cc: twilkey@eac.gov

Subject: Re: donsanto interview

Tova and Job:

All I can do is advise you that I don't think this paragraph will pass by the Commission, as written, because readers can misinterpret what is being reported and use something published by EAC against DOJ. I suspect that both of you are aware of legal action being taken by an advocacy group against DOJ alleging that the agency is acting in a manner that fails to protect, and even discourages, the voter participation of minorities and disadvantaged individuals. Though I do not intend to address the merits of that action, which focuses on the efforts of more than one DOJ office, I am concerned that some readers would use the sentence that begins with "This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression ..." as evidence that DOJ's Election Crimes Branch has completely changed course to focus on aggressively pursuing individuals who vote when ineligible, many of whom are minorities.

It is true that, for years, the Election Crimes Branch did not pursue individual violators. (I certainly observed this from the time I became involved in researching election administration matters in 1986.) Much of the reason for this is that the agency just did not have the resources to pursue everything; so, as the agency budget permitted, DOJ pursued cases that provided the most bang for the buck --- cases involving multiple individuals that were not already being pursued by State or local public attorneys. As you know, DOJ recently expanded its efforts and added the prosecution of individuals for double voting or voting when ineligible (felony convictions or no U.S. citizenship). Although I did not know of this decision prior to the interview, the action is not a complete surprise, given the increasing pressure on the agency to pursue such cases that began with a real squeaker of a 1996 race in California's 46th CD (Orange County). In the interview with you, Donsanto also stated that the department evaluates each case before pursuing it, and does not pursue every individual referred for voting violations. (You may remember he noted his reluctance to pursue noncitizen voting, which can result in deportation, when it could separate the individual from his family.)

In my opinion, the addition of the prosecution of individuals, while an important new development, is not a complete change in direction or focus. The pursuit of individual violators does not supplant DOJ's continuing efforts to pursue organized schemes to corrupt the process. It is part of a recent expansion of the agency's efforts to combat election crime that includes: (1) more aggressive pursuit of criminal campaign finance violations (not covered by EAC's study); (2) exploration of new avenues to prosecute voter suppression schemes (e.g.; the NH phone bank blocking case); (3) better training of U.S. attorneys and FBI agents in the recognition, investigation and prosecution of election offenses; (4) efforts to improve

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coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies; and (5) press conferences and public announcements before federal elections to publicize how the public can report election crimes. Donsanto provided information on much of these efforts either during the interview or by supplying case lists and training information on the day of the interview.

I hope you will reconsider revising the paragraph at issue.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
06/28/2006 04:47 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
Cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
Subject donsanto interview

Hi Peg,

Job and I have discussed this matter and agree on our response to it.

Presumably the paragraph you are concerned about is the following:

Since 2002, the department has brought more cases against alien voters, felon voters, and double voters than ever before. Previously, cases were only brought when there was a pattern or scheme to corrupt the process. Charges were not brought against individuals – those cases went un-prosecuted. This change in direction, focus, and level of aggression was by the decision of the Attorney General. The reason for the change was for deterrence purposes.

Neither of us thinks this passage says that the Department has stopped pursuing patterns, as you suggested, and we maintain that this is what Mr. Donsanto said to us in the interview. If Mr. Donsanto wants to object, perhaps he can write a letter or something to that effect that could be part of the record.

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Democracy Fellow  
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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Travel Funds

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:36 AM

To Thomas Wilkey

cc

Subject Fw: Various

Further comment from Tova. --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

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> Tova

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>

> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM

> Subject: Re: Various

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>> Peg

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM

>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org

>> Subject: Various

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:12 AM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

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Subject Fw: Travel Funds

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"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 11:57 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Travel Funds

Peggy:

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I am assuming you are referring to the 6/9/06 payment in the amount of \$1,200.03. I checked with Finance and the payout date is today.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:51 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Payments for Personal Services

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Job:

I may have forgotten to send this summary of payments for personal services to you. If I didn't, here it is again. --- Peggy



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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 10:35 AM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject Re: Various [REDACTED]

Most of the Commissioners and Tom will be out of the office for the next two weeks to attend the IACREOT, NASS, and NASED summer conferences. I'll let Tom know you want to talk with him when I see him at the airport tomorrow. He may decide to call from out of town. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:42 PM

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]

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cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Revised Risk Analysis Methodology Brennan Center



Revised-Risk Analysis Methodology-Brennan Center excerpt.doc

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"Job Serebroy"

07/06/2006 08:25 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

I still have not received the travel funds. This is causing a large financial problem. I don't know what is with these people but it is obvious my bank has not received it and I doubt it was sent. Please find out what is going on.

Job

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"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 12:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

I think I've already gone over my hours. Let me know when I submit my invoice. If I have, I'll just reduce them on paper. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:30 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc:  
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**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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Wang Payment Tracking.xls

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"Tova.Wang"  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]  
07/07/2006 08:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Travel Funds

Peg:

My travel funds finally came in to my bank.

Job

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:13 AM

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wang@tcf.org  
07/01/2006 05:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov  
**To:** wang@tcf.org  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: methodology

The attached is the text extracted from pages 8-19 and the Attachment C referenced within the text. The formatting is still a little weird. Can you work with this, or do I need to play with it some more? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)>

06/29/2006 12:07 PM


To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

cc

Subject FW: methodology

Will it be possible for you to extract the excerpt for inclusion in the report? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:  
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
To: Tova Wang; [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
Subject: Re: methodology

Agreed

--- Tova Wang <[wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org)> wrote:

> As you may recall, the working group expressed  
> interest in the risk analysis  
> method. The recent report by the Brennan Center on  
> voting machines employs  
> this methodology. If you look at pp. 8-19 of the  
> attached, it provides a  
> potential model. I think it might be worth  
> including this as an appendix or  
> footnote in the methodology section. Please let me  
> know what you think.

> Tova

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To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Travel Funds

I have asked our finance folks to check with GSA. I will let you know when I receive the answer. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <serebrov@sbcglobal.net>



"Job Serebrov"

07/02/2006 09:34 AM

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07/11/2006 12:05 PM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

I think it is this one. --- Peggy



EAC Boards VF-VI Status Report.doc

Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV

07/11/2006 11:38 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study 

Will you please send me a copy of the referenced report?

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To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/11/2006 09:26 AM

To Juliet E. Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Fraud and Intimidation Study

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07/03/2006 11:38 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: methodology

Please edit the attached Word document to remove the returns at the end of each line that are not needed, then send it to Tova and Job. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

06/30/2006 05:25 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: FW: methodology

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06/29/2006 12:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject FW: methodology

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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: Re: methodology

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/05/2006 02:49 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Contract Hours

Tova:

If you have used up all of your remaining hours, you need to stop work until we have the contract modification in place that provides for more hours.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----



wang@tcf.org

06/30/2006 09:45 PM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Various

Also, I maintain that a reasonable solution to this is to allow Donsanto and/or any of the commissioners who desire to do so to provide a statement that would be included in the report and in the record.

----- Original Message -----

From: <wang@tcf.org>

To: <psims@eac.gov>; "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Various

> That would be great on the contract.

>

> If the interview is "edited" as you put it, I will be very, very  
> uncomfortable, as I believe Job would be as well. I know you don't want  
> to spend anymore time on this, but I consider it a rather important issue,  
> and I think Job does too. I would be happy to talk to you and Tom and any  
> of the commissioners about this further if that would be helpful. I am  
> available by cell over the next four days and in the office all next week.

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>  
> Thanks for the updated invoice stuff. Happy 4th.

> Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

> From: <psims@eac.gov>  
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> Cc: "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>  
> Sent: Friday, June 30, 2006 6:41 PM  
> Subject: Re: Various

>> Actually, the Donsanto interview was the only one I did attend, but I  
>> agree the issue is taking up too much of your time. I just wanted you to  
>> be forewarned that the paragraph has already raised red flags in DC of and  
>> is likely to result in an edit. Enough said about that.

>> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you  
>> and Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a  
>> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to  
>> incorporate comments received on the report and other efforts that fall  
>> within the tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60  
>> thou, but there might be a little year end money we can use to finish  
>> this off properly.

>> Peg

>> -----  
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

>> ----- Original Message -----  
>> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM  
>> To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
>> Subject: Various

>> Peg:

>> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some  
>> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel  
>> reimbursement?

>> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both  
>> agree about what we heard during the interview. We  
>> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of  
>> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of  
>> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.  
>> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on  
>> the interview and thus do not know what was said and  
>> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,  
>> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to  
>> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us  
>> another sixty hours each we can call all of our  
>> interviewees, give them the review and ask for  
>> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from  
>> other interviews with, or lectures by person  
>> interviewed, outside of our interview with that  
>> person. We simply can't afford to single out one  
>> statement in one interview that there is a  
>> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph



>> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph  
>> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ  
>> electoral investigations.  
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>> Job  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:16 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 12:40 PM

To Serebrov

cc

Subject Travel Reimbursement

GSA reports that a pay out of \$1,200.03 was made today. --- Peggy


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To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
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07/03/2006 11:04 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: final report 

Once is enough. You don't need to resend. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

005315



<wang@tcf.org>  
07/03/2006 09:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc [REDACTED]  
Subject final report

Peg, We don't need to re-send you all of the material that we gave you to provide to the working group for the final report, eg the individual interviews, research summaries, nexis and case charts, right? Thanks. Happy 4th. Tova

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/03/2006 10:14 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Hrs

Peg:

It seems to Tova and me that somewhere between 30 and 40 for each of us would be safe (having learned from not asking for enough hours).

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
07/05/2006 07:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Travel Reimbursement

No, its Bank of America. I just checked again and its

not there. If it does not appear by morning I will need you to see what is going on.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> They usually send it electronically. Could your bank  
> have failed to post it due to the holiday? Does your  
> bank tend to float deposits for a day or two?  
> Peggy

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> -----  
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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> ----- Original Message -----  
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 07/05/2006 08:13 AM  
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Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

We'll have to guesstimate. It is likely that we will receive some comments and questions from the Commissioners and a number of comments from the boards. We could do the modification a little later, but we have to do it before the end of August to take advantage of year-end funds. Basically, the sooner we can figure this out, the better chance we have of using some of the year-end money for this project, before it is taken for something else. We have no guaranties that funds will be available in the next fiscal year. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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"Tova Wang"  
 <wang@tcf.org>  
 07/03/2006 11:13 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
 cc  
 Subject RE: Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Doesn't it really depend on what the Commission comes back to us with? Its kind of hard to estimate before knowing what they're going to want.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 10:11 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** twilkey@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Estimated Additional Hours Needed

Tova and Job:

I don't have the authority to modify contracts, but Tom Wilkey does. In order to help Tom determine how many additional hours (and dollars) should be added to your personal services contracts, I'll need an estimate from the two of you for the number of additional hours required to complete the final report (taking into account revisions that may be needed to address questions and comments submitted by the Commissioners and the EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors). Please note that we cannot add any tasks to the existing contract, but we can account for additional hours required to complete the final report.

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"Job Serebrov"  
 [REDACTED]  
 07/09/2006 06:00 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
 cc  
 Subject Telephone Conference

Peg:

I need to move our call to next Monday at 7 pm EST.  
 What is the situation with the extra hours?

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Job

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07/03/2006 11:35 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: FW: methodology

I've asked Devon to do it. She can get it to you faster than I. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

07/03/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: FW: methodology

The excess returns would be a great start, and then I can do the rest.  
Thanks a lot.

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Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 10:14 AM

To: wang@tcf.org

Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Re: FW: methodology

Do you just need to have the excess returns removed, or do you think it  
needs other clean up as well? --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

07/01/2006 05:30  
PM

psims@eac.gov

To

cc

[REDACTED]  
Re: FW: methodology

Subject

005319

It would be great if someone there could work on cleaning it up. Let us know. Thanks.

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Subject RE: final report

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Tova Andrea Wang

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cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: final report 

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Here is the list of Working Group members with some information highlighted about each individual. Yes, you can email me later in the day to let me know if I should call you at home or at work. --- Peggy



Working Group Members 5-12-06.doc

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
07/17/2006 12:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: final report

Can you send it over? As I recall, it includes bios, right? I'm assuming on the interviewees you think we should have very short biographical information? Also, Peg, I'm not sure if I'll still be at work at 7 or home. Is it ok if I email you late in the day as to where I am? My home phone (for only two more weeks!) is 212-362-5223. Thanks.

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"Tova Wang"  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject contacting Job

He asks that you call him on his cell, 501-626-0440

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Subject I'll be in my office :(

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Juliet E.  
Thompson-Hodgkins/EAC/GO  
V  
07/17/2006 10:18 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

That's good.  
Juliet Thompson Hodgkins  
General Counsel  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave., NW, Ste 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3100  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
07/17/2006 10:15 AM

To jthompson@eac.gov  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Draft Report

Julie:

I received pieces of the draft final report on voting fraud-voter intimidation this morning. If it is OK with you, I'll hold it until all I have all of the pieces, so that you can review it as a whole document. --- Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

07/18/2006 03:46 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: final report 

I'm sorry I did not get back to you on this yesterday. I reviewed the voucher this morning and found that only two corrections are needed (coverage dates and # of days worked during the first two weeks). I've made the corrections in red on the attached copy of your voucher. --- Peggy



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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



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07/28/2006 09:30 AM

To: [twilkey@eac.gov](mailto:twilkey@eac.gov), Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject: Fw: Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

All-

I assume that in light of our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation project, we will have an EAC presence there?

K  
Karen Lynn-Dyson  
Research Manager  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Avenue, NW Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

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tel:202-566-3123

--- Forwarded by Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV on 07/28/2006 09:27 AM ---



"Melissa Slemin"

07/27/2006 07:25 PM

To [redacted] maidenberg@knightfdn.org, "GPM" <GPM@carnegie.org>, "Kristen Engberg" <KEngberg@JehtFoundation.org>, "Michael Caudell-Feagan" <MCaudell-Feagan@pewtrusts.org>, "Daniel Tokaji" [redacted] "Charles Stewart III" [redacted], klynndyson@eac.gov, Cameron.Quinn@usdoj.gov, [redacted]

cc

Subject Invitation to attend Election Fraud Conference

Please find attached an invitation to attend the Election Fraud Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah and the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, September 29-30, 2006 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Regards,  
Melissa Slemin

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California Institute of Technology  
Voting Technology Project  
MC 228-77  
1200 E California Blvd  
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"Job Serebrov"

07/25/2006 08:27 AM

To wang@tcf.org, psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: No teleconference today

There was no telephone conference scheduled yesterday. If you all remember, due to my current job and grandchildren situation we were unable to arrange a teleconference.

--- wang@tcf.org wrote:

> Whats going on? Where are we at? Thanks. Tova  
> ----- Original Message -----

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
04/30/2007 06:33 PM

To eacon@eac.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 3

The 3rd batch.  
Peg Sims

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
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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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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

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psims@eac.gov

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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cc

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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

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wang@tcf.org

05/05/2006 06:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group

Tuesday at 4 is OK for me.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org); [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

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)

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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 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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05/04/2006 03:13 PM

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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

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05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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05/09/2006 11:33 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas Code? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:23 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

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

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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.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> 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

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> 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.  
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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

> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> To  
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To Diana Scott

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Today's Teleconference

This seems OK, I guess its a less detailed version of what I sent you. I hope you will advise us as to what

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we are supposed to talk about/go over since we have provided the group with everything we've done ahead of time. I also hope that you will have an answer for me on Wade. It utterly essential that we have a leader from the civil rights community at the table.

-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:07 AM  
**To:** wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Today's Teleconference

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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"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

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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cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

It might be an Apple issue

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**Cc:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto: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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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 12:04 PM

To [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
cc

Subject Re: Good News

Peggy:

Rogers contact information is below on my last message. My uncle is having a complicated procedure where they are both cementing his spine to shore it up and testing for a malignant tumor---which they now

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suspect as the cause of the sudden bone problems. If it is a tumor, the working group session could get complicated.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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> Hope your uncle's surgery goes well.

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> I have the Chairman's OK to follow your

> recommendation and replace

> Norcross with Rogers. Do you have contact

> information for Rogers? ---

> Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/04/2006 11:17 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> Re: Good News

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> I will have a better idea about my uncle's condition

> today after surgery.

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> See:

> [http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney\\_23.html](http://www.modrall.com/attorneys/attorney_23.html).

> 500 Fourth Street NW

> P.O. Box 2168

> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> (505) 848-1800

> Fax: (505) 848-1891

> Asst: Carol Casstevens

> patrogers@modrall.com

>

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > 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

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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 on of many members of the Executive Committee for the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (see [http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive\\_committee.html](http://www.civilrights.org/about/lccr/executive_committee.html)).

Does this information help? --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Topsims@eac.gov  
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Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

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05/04/2006 03:26 PM

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Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: May 18 Meeting

No, but I have left a message for her assistant and I am waiting for her to return my call. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

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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To dromig@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Re: Working Group Travel

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I assume this is a separate meeting from the 2 Karen & Brian are having?

Diana M. Scott  
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(202) 566-3100 (office)  
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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 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

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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.  
> 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

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> 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  
> 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

> "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.

> --- 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  
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>> To  
>> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
>> cc  
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>> Subject  
>> Re: Working Group  
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>> Peggy:  
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>> 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.  
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>> Job  
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>>  
>> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>>  
>>> Hi, Folks:  
>>>  
>>> Teleconference  
>>> Are both of you available for a teleconference  
>> next  
>>> Tuesday afternoon at

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> > > please suggest another  
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > > preparations for the  
> > > Working Group meeting.  
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> > > including hotel. Travel  
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except  
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> > > preparation for the meeting,  
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> > > 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  
> > > transportation receipts and a  
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> > > total travel expenses due  
>

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/05/2006 10:17 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject WG Meeting

Peggy:

At this point and unless my uncle dies before May 18, the only way I will go to DC is to drive my car. I will need it in case my uncle dies while I am there. You will need to get approval for the use of my car and the two days it will take me to get there and two days back.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

The Commissioners made this an equal bi-partisan issue. I am seen as representing the Republican Party. I now have a responsibility to assure that this ends up bi-partisan. I have been placed in a position of dual obligations---both to the contract and to the Party. I in fact see myself as carrying out what the Commission wanted to the letter---equal bi-partisan representation.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Your response suggests that you do not care what the  
> Commissioners may  
> think about the effort. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/11/2006 04:35 PM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov

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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.  
>  
> > The effort is likely  
> > to come back and bite you.  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
> >  
> > 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  
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> > > 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  
> > > 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"  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

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

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
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Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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To

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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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 [REDACTED]

Subject Re: Fraud Definition 

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

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 will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

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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).  
>  
> 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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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



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 03:19 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

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" 

"Job Serebrov"

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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> Re: Fraud Definition  
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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"  
<wang@tcf.org>  
04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov"  
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  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
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wang@tcf.org  
05/07/2006 12:33 PM

To psims@eac.gov,  
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 -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)  
**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) ;  
**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)  
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**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. Afterwords, 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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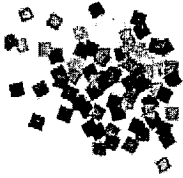
To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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



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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05/04/2006 02:39 PM

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

cc

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

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----

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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>

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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-----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.

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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-----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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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; serebrov@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

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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 [PDF]

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>



"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?

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Democracy Fellow  
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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

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject perez

I talked to Adam, and I am OK with JR Perez. I'm working on the Barbra situation.

**Tova Andrea Wang**

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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

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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

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> 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

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Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

[REDACTED]  
05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** 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 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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Subject Travel Plans for Tova Wang

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Check your results!

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**priceline.com**

Troya Wang made a reservation on priceline.com. Here are the details of the trip.

**Hotel Details**

**Embassy Suites Hotel Washington, D.C.**  
1250 22Nd St Nw  
Washington, DC 20037  
202-857-3388

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Check-out: Friday, May 12, 2006 11:00 AM  
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Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

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Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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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>



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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 03:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

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:

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Donetta L.  
Davidson/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 03:57 PM  
To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting  
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Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck  
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[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

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Thanks,

Job

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05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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.  
>  
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can  
> 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

cc

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?

-----  
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 Apr 26 20:30:24 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

Are yu available any days in the third week of May?  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM  
To: Margaret Sims  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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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

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM ---



"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 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:
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- > 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.
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- > 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  
> Election Research Specialist  
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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> Washington, DC 20005  
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120  
> (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:  
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>> 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  
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>> To  
>> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
>> cc  
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>> Subject  
>> Re: Working Group  
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>> Peggy:  
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>> 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.  
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>> Job  
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>> --- 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.  
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> > > 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.  
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> > > 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  
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> > > 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?

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**  
41 East 70th Street - New York, NY 10021  
phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534

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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:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** wang@tcf.org  
**Subject:** Literature Summary

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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 [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Cc: [redacted]  
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  
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> Here' s his info in full:  
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> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>  
> l  
>  
> 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  
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> analysis, opinions, and events.

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> Click here to receive our  
> weekly e-mail updates.  
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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

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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"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

**From:** psims@eac.gov

**To:** [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

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

**From:** 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?

Peggy Sims  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group List

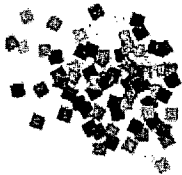
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

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.

005407

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 & Serebov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

[REDACTED]

(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

[REDACTED]

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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)

005408

**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]

005409



**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" [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

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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,

005410

Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

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"

To

005411



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

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
>  
> 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.

> --- 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

> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> >  
> > Subject  
> > Re: Fraud Definition

005412

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> >  
> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.  
> >  
> > --- 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  
> > >  
> > > 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:

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> 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]

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]

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  
>  
> To  
> "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov  
> cc

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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  
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US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
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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. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

005418



[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  
> 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>

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> >  
> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> for  
> > the Lawyers Committee  
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara  
> > Arnwine, the Executive  
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > 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  
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005417

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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"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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" [REDACTED]  
> To: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
>  
> 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.

005419

> P.O. Box 2168  
> Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168  
> Tel: 505-848-1849  
> Fax: 505-848-1891

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Job Serebrov [REDACTED]  
> 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"

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



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005421

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"  
[REDACTED]

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?

Job

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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.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

005422



<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>

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 lose 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  
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(202) 566-3100 (office)  
(202) 566-3127 (fax)  
dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

005423

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 [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM  
To: psims@eac.gov; wang@tcf.org  
Subject: Re: Working Group

005424

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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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.

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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.

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To Job Serebrov

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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

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Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

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**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

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05/10/2006 11:45 AM

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