

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 12:43 PM
To: Beeman, Judy (USAEO)
Subject: RE: FYI, Sutton talked to Chiara; all set

Thanks

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

From: Beeman, Judy (USAEO)
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 12:22 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: FYI, Sutton talked to Chiara; all set

On this. She knows she is acting. Thanks. Judy

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 11:30 AM
To: 'SJennings@gwb43.com'
Subject: RE: USATTY meeting

Sure -- I'm happy to do it if it involves sensitive issues. If it's more generic resources type of conversation, our EOUSA Director is here this week and available. Just let me know.

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

From: SJennings@gwb43.com [mailto: SJennings@gwb43.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 10:16 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: USATTY meeting

I have a person from New Mexico coming to town this week - he is the President's nominee for the US Postal Board of Governors. He was heavily involved in the President's campaign's legal team.

His name is Mickey Barnett, and he has requested a meeting with someone at DOJ to discuss the USATTY situation there.

Would someone in EOUSA or you or Kyle be available?

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PERSONNEL REVIEW

MONICA M. GOODLING
July 3, 2006

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Assistant Attorney General for Administration..... 1

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Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs..... 3

Director, ATF (still looking)..... 4

U.S. Attorney, Washington, D.C: 5

U.S. Attorney, San Diego (interim):..... 6

Special Counsel, CRT:..... 7

PADAG, Office of the Deputy Attorney General:..... 8

COS, Office of the Deputy Attorney General: 9

ADAG, Office of the Deputy Attorney General: 10

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To: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Wed Jul 05 08:24:33 2006
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Hey

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

From: "Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov" <Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov>
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2006 2:21 am
Subject: RE: RE: Hey

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

> **From:** john.t.griffin@us.army.mil
> [mailto:john.t.griffin@us.army.mil]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2006 1:23 AM
> **To:** Goodling, Monica; Voris, Natalie (USAE0); Hardos, Debbie (USAE0)
> **Subject:** Fwd: RE: Hey

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WHCO asked that you not contact anyone in the Senators' office - they like to handle the process themselves, but I will let them know that you have good friends there if they need help.

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hope yall are well. thanks TG

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Subject: RE: RE: RE: Hey

WHCO run the process -- Richard and I just talked and he'll reach out to you if they would like your assistance. He's the best person to contact if you have questions at this stage. Best, Monica

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From: john.t.griffin@us.army.mil [mailto:john.t.griffin@us.army.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2006 9:07 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: Re: RE: RE: Hey

ok. thanks. i know they like to handle it themselves, but both chiefs of staff are my very good friends. my wife and i have dined with both. it could potentially be a mistake if they were not the first people in each office to hear my name and learn of movement on my front. that could be critical. i told Richard of those contacts. would leg affairs or the counsel's office handle the initial contact with the senators' offices? thanks, TG

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Goodling, Monica

From: Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 6:59 PM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG); Goodling, Monica
Subject: FW: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

FYI

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

From: Seidel, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 6:56 PM
To: Epley, Mark D; Otis, Lee L; Bounds, Ryan W (OLP); Mullane, Hugh;
Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Cc: Scott-Finan, Nancy; Roland, Sarah E
Subject: FW: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

Sounds like she handled well and it was actually constructive. See below.

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

From: Lam, Carol (USACAS)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 6:50 PM
To: Seidel, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

Sorry, meant to email you earlier but other events overtook me.

It was fine (at least I think it was). The tone was civil and at times even friendly. I was accompanied by my appellate chief Roger Haines and our Intake supervisor Steve Peak. Issa and Sensenbrenner had about 4 staffers there total. Chrm Sensenbrenner had a single theme he kept coming back to, which is that we aren't doing enough coyote prosecutions and that they are the key to controlling the border. (This is obviously the Border Patrol complaint that was channelled through Issa to Sensenbrenner). I noted that the first 3 times we prosecute a coyote, we get sentences of 60 days, 6 months, and maybe a year, respectively, if we are lucky; whereas the same attorney resources can be used to prosecute criminal aliens with priors for rape, murder and child molestations and we can get sentences of 7-8 years. We have more of the latter type of case than we can handle, so essentially I must make a choice -- prosecute the coyotes who are smuggling but not endangering anyone, or the rapists and murderers who are coming back to rape and murder again.

He noted that among the Southwest Border USAOs, our felony immigration filings are low. I explained that we set out a couple of years ago to deliberately seek higher sentences for the worst offenders; this meant more cases would go to trial, but we would hold the line and not sell the cases for less time. The statistics show that we have, in fact, achieved significantly higher average sentences in our immigration cases; the cost was that our immigration trial rate more than DOUBLED (from 42 trials in 2004 to 89 trials in 2005) and we had to reduce the number of low-end coyote cases we filed. Cong Issa seemed to grasp this concept quickly; he commented that it is too bad we don't have statistics that reflect the matrix of felony immigration filings against lengths of sentences.

We urged them to fully fund the President's budget; thanked Chrm Sensenbrenner for the enforcement provisions in his immigration bill; and some observations were exchanged about the difficulties of prosecuting cases in the 9th Circuit. Congressman Issa asked me how the 4 additional SW border AUSA positions (announced by the AG on Monday) would help me; I said that they would allow me to fill attorney

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vacancies that I have had to leave vacant because of the budget situation. Issa noted to Sensenbrenner that he doesn't understand why their prior appropriations don't seem to be "trickling down" to the USAOs, and I interjected that the unfunded COLAs and government-wide rescissions were erasing what appeared to be additional appropriations.

That was about it. We left on very cordial terms without any request for follow-up information. Let me know if you need any additional information, and thanks for preparing me.

Carol

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

From: Seidel, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 3:16 PM
To: Lam, Carol (USACAS)
Cc: Epley, Mark D
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

How did the Issa/Sensenbrenner meeting go?

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From: Lam, Carol (USACAS)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 11:53 AM
To: Seidel, Rebecca; Parent, Steve (USAEO); Bevels, Lisa (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Cc: Jordan, Wyevetra G; Epley, Mark D
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

Thanks, Steve; this helps. -- Carol

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

From: Parent, Steve (USAEO)
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 5:24 AM
To: Lam, Carol (USACAS); Seidel, Rebecca; Bevels, Lisa (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Cc: Epley, Mark D; Jordan, Wyevetra G
Subject: Re: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

The 29 percent figure is actual funded position increase from FY 2000 to present.

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

From: Lam, Carol (USACAS) <CLam@usa.doj.gov>
To: Seidel, Rebecca <Rebecca.Seidel@usdoj.gov>; Parent, Steve (USAEO) <SParent@usa.doj.gov>; Bevels, Lisa (USAEO) <LBevels@usa.doj.gov>; Voris, Natalie (USAEO) <NVoris@usa.doj.gov>
Cc: Epley, Mark D <Mark.D.Epley@usdoj.gov>; Jordan, Wyevetra G <Wyevetra.G.Jordan@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 01 22:12:05 2006
Subject: Re: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

I assume nobody is taking credit for the 29% figure, and I'm on my own?

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Cc: Epley, Mark D <Mark.D.Epley@usdoj.gov>; Jordan, Wyevetra G <Wyevetra.G.Jordan@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 31 18:01:45 2006
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

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Also adding Mark Epley and Wyvetra Jordan . Mark, Wye - where did the 29% increase number come from? (this is re the press release on the supplemental approps funding AUSAs)

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From: Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 8:17 PM
To: Seidel, Rebecca; Lam, Carol (USACAS); Bevels, Lisa (USAEO); Parent, Steve (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

This is definitely a question for rmp - I have added lisa and steve to the email.

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

From: Lam, Carol (USACAS) <CLam@usa.doj.gov>
To: Voris, Natalie (USAEO) <NVoris@usa.doj.gov>; Seidel, Rebecca <Rebecca.Seidel@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 31 20:09:54 2006
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

Thanks, Natalie. I do have one other concern -- the DOJ press release sent out today says that the "the number of AUSAs in the Southwest border districts has increased 29 percent since 2000, to a total of 561." I'm not sure where the 29% figure came from; my own FTE increased from 119 to 125 during the last 4 years; I think the percentage increase has been similar in the other districts. Can anyone tell me how the 29% increase was calculated, in case the Congressmen use this figure in our discussion?

From: Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 4:08 PM
To: Lam, Carol (USACAS)
Subject: FW: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

Carol,
Lisa Bevels is traveling to the Budget Officers training at the NAC this week, but she gives you the best times for a conversation with her below. I clarified with Lisa that it's human trafficking approps Issa is interested in, not prosecutions. Lisa said that she was unaware of any specific human trafficking funds ever going to USAOs.

Please let me know if you need anything else. I'm not the budget expert, but I can try to point you in the right direction.

nv

From: Bevels, Lisa (USAEO)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 6:16 PM
To: Voris, Natalie (USAEO); Parent, Steve (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Lam is meeting with Issa and Sensenbrenner

I will be giving a speech at the BO Conference on Wednesday. If she wants, she can email me and set up a time to talk tomorrow or Wednesday last morning or all afternoon. Civil Rights tracks the Human Trafficking case data for the Department. I'm not sure if Barbara Tone can come up with these cases through our system--they are probably part of immigration or some could even be in child abuse (women and children trafficking for sexual exploitation). Dave Smith asked us a few weeks ago about Human Trafficking and we did not have the data.

From: Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 6:02 PM
To: Bevels, Lisa (USAEO); Parent, Steve (USAEO)
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On Wednesday at 11 a.m. PST, OLA has approved this meeting. Carol knows that Issa is curious about what happened to human trafficking funds that Issa believes were provided to USAOs a year ago. Do we have any info on that? Lisa - Carol will probably give you a call in the next day to go over a few things prior to the meeting.

Thanks,
nv

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 1:27 PM
To: 'john.t.griffin@us.army.mil'
Subject: RE: Candidate Package

Howdy -- Next week is fine. Just so you know, we promised Bud Cummins that we would give him a heads up once you return the completed forms to us, before we pass them on to the FBI to initiate the BI. That way, he can make sure he's told everyone he needs to before the FBI starts talking to folks. As far as I know, he's still looking so the extra week benefits him. See you soon.

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To: Hardos, Debbie (USAEO)
Cc: Goodling, Monica; griffinjag@earthlink.net; Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: Re: Candidate Package

Great. Thank you very much. Confidentially, I will return to the United States next week and will begin completing it then if that is ok. Thank you, Tim Griffin

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 12:09 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Re: Conf Call, re: Tim Griffin

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To: 'SJennings@gwb43.com' <SJennings@gwb43.com>; Goodling, Monica
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I agree, but don't think it really should matter where we park him here, as AG will appoint him forthwith to be USA. (Is Cummins gone?)

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To: Goodling, Monica; Nowacki, John (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: Arkansas Article on Cummins

Attachments: tmp.htm



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The final days
Arkansas Times Staff
Updated: 8/24/2006

U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins of Little Rock says he'll likely be leaving his job in the next few "weeks or months," but almost certainly by the end of the year. He'd earlier told us he didn't intend to serve out the entirety of the Bush administration's second term and that he'd be looking for private sector work.

More newsy, perhaps, is who Cummins' successor might be. Informed sources say one possibility for a White House nomination is Tim Griffin, an Arkansas native who has worked in top jobs at both the Republican National

Committee and the White House on hard-charging political opposition research.

Though Griffin, currently finishing a military obligation, spent one year in Little Rock as an assistant U.S. attorney, his political work would likely get more attention - and Democratic opposition - in the Senate confirmation process. He'd likely have to endure some questioning about his role in massive Republican projects in Florida and elsewhere by which Republicans challenged tens of thousands of absentee votes. Coincidentally, many of those challenged votes were concentrated in black precincts.

If not Griffin, state Rep. Marvin Childers is another Arkansas lawyer whose name has been mentioned by prominent Republicans to serve out Cummins' term.

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From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 11:27 AM
To: Nowacki, John (USAEO); Murphy, Sean (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: RE: The Morning News

There is apparently a story in the Arkansas Times about Griffin. Please

find it and email. Thanks.

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

From: Murphy, Sean (USAEO)

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 9:40 AM

To: Goodling, Monica; Voris, Natalie (USAEO); Nowacki, John (USAEO)

Subject: The Morning News

1. Eid Names New First Assistant USA
2. Alaska Gets New US Attorney
3. FBI Investigating Suspected Terrorists
4. Judge Orders DOJ to Investigate Spy Leaks
5. Chicago-area Congressman's Junkett Tied to Terror Group
6. President Meets With Jubilant Katrina Survivor
7. Sen. Spector Angered at ABA's Rating of 5th Circuit Nominee
8. Sen. Allen Forced to Apologize- Directly
9. Breaking News: Pluto Stripped of its Planetary Status- Developing

1. Cliff Stricklin Named To Position By New U.S. Attorney Troy Eid
Law Week- Colorado

Troy A. Eid, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, announced today that he has appointed Cliff Stricklin to serve as First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Colorado. In addition to his duties as First Assistant, United States Attorney Troy Eid has named Stricklin to be the lead prosecutor in the case of the United States v. Joseph Nacchio. Stricklin, an experienced federal prosecutor and former judge, most recently served on the Enron Task Force where he was one of four attorneys to present evidence in the trial against former Enron executives Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling. He was also the co-lead prosecutor in the securities and accounting fraud case against five executives from Enron's Broadband division.

Prior to joining the Enron Task Force, Stricklin was a state district judge in Dallas, Texas, where for four years he presided over felony criminal cases ranging from fraud and narcotic crimes to capital murder cases. Each of his cases that were appealed has been affirmed at the appellate level. In 2002, his fellow district court judges elected Stricklin to the position of Presiding Judge, a position he held until returning to the Department of Justice.

Stricklin was selected after Eid conducted a nation-wide search to identify his number two prosecutor for the District of Colorado. Eid wanted to find an experienced trial attorney to lead the team prosecuting Joseph Nacchio. He also wanted someone with broad prosecutorial and judicial experience. "I have full confidence in Cliff Stricklin," U.S. Attorney Eid said. "Cliff's extraordinary background, including his work on the Enron Task Force, makes him the ideal leader to handle the Joseph Nacchio case while serving Colorado as First Assistant U.S. Attorney."

U.S. Attorney Eid also announced that Stricklin's prosecution trial team will include Corporate Fraud Trial Attorneys Colleen Conry and Leo Wise from the Department of Justice in Washington, and Assistant United States Attorney James Hearty in Colorado.

"The criminal investigation and subsequent prosecution has been a partnership between the U.S. Attorney's Office in Colorado and the Department of Justice Corporate Fraud Section since its inception. These four experienced federal prosecutors will make a great team as the government prepares for trial," Eid said.

U.S. Attorney Eid also praised Bill Leone's leadership on the Qwest investigation. "Thanks to Bill and his team, the Nacchio case is in

great shape."

Prior to being a state judge, Cliff Stricklin spent eight years working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney with the Eastern District of Texas. He started with the office right out of law school and was immediately thrust into the courtroom trying drug cases. He later moved to general crimes, eventually graduating to complex public corruption and white collar cases.

He has received the Texas Department of Public Safety's highest civilian award given for his service to law enforcement as well as honorary awards from the FBI, the U.S. Customs Service and IBM, Inc. An enthusiastic teacher, Stricklin has shared his experience in the courtroom with other lawyers and students as an instructor at the Justice Department's National Advocacy Center and the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute as well as an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University's School of Law.

Stricklin is a graduate of Washington & Lee School of Law and Baylor University. In addition to his other experience, Cliff has served as an intelligence analyst with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, DC, as a Special Assistant to the Administrator at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, also in Washington, as a law clerk hired by Rudolph Giuliani in the Securities Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, and as a senior attorney with the national law firm of Andrews & Kurth, LLP, in Dallas.

Prosecutors want to keep Nacchio trial in Denver
New Mexico Business Weekly - 12:06 PM MDT Monday
by Bob Mook

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Denver Business Journal

Federal prosecutors in the case against Joseph Nacchio are asking a U.S. District Court judge to keep the trial in Denver, despite claims from Nacchio's lawyers that the former CEO of Qwest Communications International Inc.

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can't get a fair trial in the city.

Nacchio's attorneys earlier this month requested a change of venue, saying he's considered one of the "most reviled figures in recent Denver history."

But prosecutors said the defense's argument for moving the trial relied "almost exclusively" on selective quotes from newspaper articles. "While press coverage of [Denver, Colo.-based] Qwest and the defendant has not been insubstantial, it has been neither inflammatory nor prejudicial. In fact, the majority of the examples proffered by the defendant are objective, factual and contain no mention of the defendant by name; a good proportion of the coverage is of ordinary court proceedings and motion practice," stated U.S. Attorney Troy Eid in a motion opposing the change of venue.

Eid went on to say a vast majority of potential jurors in the Denver jury division won't consist of former Qwest employees. The prosecutor also dismissed claims from Nacchio's attorneys that holding the trial in Denver places a significant burden on Nacchio, who lives in New Jersey.

"The defendant is a man of substantial means," Eid stated. Nacchio is accused of selling \$101 million in stock in 2001 based on inside information that the Baby Bell wouldn't be able to meet revenue targets.

Federal prosecutors say Nacchio and other former Qwest executives perpetrated financial fraud on investors. The company later was forced to restate about \$2.2 billion in revenue.

Robin Szeliga, the former chief financial officer for Qwest, was sentenced July 28 to two years on probation, six months of home detention and a \$250,000 fine for her role in Qwest's accounting

scandal.

Szeliga, who pleaded guilty to one count of insider trading, is expected to be a key witness in the government's case against Nacchio, who was indicted on 42 charges of insider trading in December. A pretrial hearing for Nacchio is scheduled for Aug. 25. Qwest Communications (NYSE: Q) provides voice, video and data services to customers in New Mexico and around the globe.

2. Former prosecutor in Pittsburgh gets post in Alaska

By Jason Cato <mailto:jcato@tribweb.com>

TRIBUNE-REVIEW

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Pittsburgh might own a reputation as a frigid place to be in winter, but it's got nothing on the new assignment for longtime federal prosecutor Nelson P. Cohen.

The former assistant U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh has been appointed the U.S. attorney in Alaska. Cohen was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and not President Bush, meaning his appointment is not Senate-approved. He will serve on an indefinite interim basis, filling the seat vacated in 2005 by former U.S. Attorney Tim Burgess after he became a federal judge.

Cohen, 57, of Richland, arrived in Anchorage on Monday, was announced as the new U.S. attorney Tuesday and spent most of Wednesday attending meetings.

He could not be reached for comment.

This will not be Cohen's first experience in the Last Frontier. For 10 years, he was an assistant U.S. attorney in the office he now heads and worked in private practice in Anchorage before coming to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh in 1987.

Most recently, he served as the deputy criminal division chief in charge of the White Collar Crimes Division for U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan.

"Nelson Cohen is an exceptional prosecutor and manager," Buchanan said. "He will bring his strong management skills, commitment to justice, and sound judgement to his new position as United States attorney for the district of Alaska."

Cohen is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University law school. He also worked as a prosecutor in the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office.

Cohen named new Alaska U.S. Attorney

Associated Press

Alaska has a new U.S. Attorney. The Justice Department Tuesday announced that Nelson Cohen has been appointed to the post for the District of Alaska. He replaces Acting U.S. Attorney Deborah Smith. Under rules of her appointment, she could only serve in the post for 210 days.

Cohen has been the assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Pennsylvania since 1987. But before he joined that office in Pittsburgh, he practiced law in Alaska for ten years -- both as an assistant U.S. attorney and in private practice. He replaces Tim Burgess, who resigned as U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska to take a seat on the federal bench in 2005.

3. FBI Investigating Man Who Claimed To Be Planning To Bomb (AP)

AP, August 24, 2006

SPOKANE, Wash. -- An anti-terrorism task force is investigating a man's reported jailhouse claims of ties to al-Qaida and a plan to blow up a state Department of Social and Health Services building.

While in the Spokane County Jail earlier this month, the 18-year-old reportedly told fellow inmates that he also intended to set off a bomb at the upcoming Pig Out in the Park event and set off a second device when police responded, authorities said Wednesday.

Evidence recovered so far after three search warrants were served includes two loaded ammunition clips for an AK-47 semiautomatic rifle and a laptop computer reportedly containing an

al-Qaida training manual, said Norm Brown, a spokesman for the Inland Northwest Joint Terrorism Task Force, which is investigating the case.

The task force includes FBI agents and officers from other agencies.

The U.S. attorney's office is reviewing possible charges against the man, currently in custody at Eastern State Hospital

where he is undergoing a 90-day mental evaluation as part of an "involuntary commitment," Brown said.

The young man has "denied making terrorist threats," Brown said.

Agents also recovered a GPS locator device, maps, a mask and other

"survivalist-type" gear, but no bomb-making

components or firearms, Brown said.

The man reportedly told county jail inmates he planned to build a

fertilizer and fuel oil bomb "just like Timothy McVeigh"

and blow up a DSHS office in Spokane, Brown said.

He also "bragged that he had an AK-47," but agents haven't located such

a gun, just ammunition for one, Brown said.

"We have not been able to tie him to any known terrorist organizations,

the task force spokesman told The Spokesman-

Review. "I would describe him as a lone wolf.

It wasn't immediately clear what led to the man's incarceration in the

county jail.

Investigators took the threats seriously because the man has traveled to

Morocco twice in the last two years, Brown said.

4. Judge Orders Investigation Of Leak In Pro-Israel Spy Case (AP)

By Matthew Barakat, Associated Press

AP, August 24, 2006

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A federal judge has ordered the Justice Department to

investigate how media organizations learned

about a criminal probe involving the activities of two pro-Israel

lobbyists, who now face trial on charges that they illegally

disclosed national defense information.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III ordered the investigation following

complaints by defense lawyers that the government

failed to follow proper procedures in obtaining and executing a secret

warrant for surveillance of lobbyists Steven Rosen and

Keith Weissman.

The indictment against Rosen of Silver Spring, Md., and Weissman of

Bethesda, Md., alleges that they conspired to obtain

classified reports on issues relevant to American policy, including the

al-Qaeda terror network; the bombing of the Khobar

Towers dormitory in Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 U.S. Air Force

personnel; and U.S. policy in Iran.

Rosen and Weissman, former lobbyists for the American Israel Public

Affairs Committee, are accused of sharing the

information with reporters and foreign diplomats. No trial date has been

set.

Media advocacy groups have long been concerned about the government's

prosecution of Rosen and Weissman because

the statute used to prosecute them - a World War I-era espionage law -

could easily be used to prosecute journalists who break

news about classified government programs.

Ellis' decision to order an investigation into how CBS News and other

media companies learned of the AIPAC probe in late

August of 2004 crystallized that concern.

"I find it hard to fathom why the judge needed to file an order seeking

confidential sources" in this case, said Lucy Dalglish,

executive director for the Arlington-based Reporters Committee for

Freedom of the Press. "We're getting into really dangerous

territory."

A CBS News spokesman declined comment Wednesday.

Ellis said in his ruling that a leak would not necessarily taint the

government's use of a warrant obtained through the secret

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, but he ordered the inquiry

anyway.

Defense lawyers have been seeking to suppress evidence obtained from the

surveillance; they argued that the leak is proof that the government failed to follow proper procedures. Ellis, whose written opinion was made public Tuesday, left the door open for defense lawyers to renew their objections based on the results of the inquiry. The Justice Department was ordered to give Ellis a sealed report by Sept. 15. The Espionage Act allows for prosecution of persons who transmit national defense information to those not entitled to receive it. The case against Rosen and Weissman is the first to apply the law to lobbyists. U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has said he believes journalists can be prosecuted for publishing classified information, and an earlier ruling by Ellis in the case on the constitutionality of the Espionage Act also left the door open for prosecutors to charge reporters. A former Defense Department official, Lawrence A. Franklin, has already pleaded guilty to providing Rosen and Weissman classified defense information. Franklin was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison. Franklin said he believed the United States was insufficiently concerned about the threat posed by Iran and hoped that leaking information might eventually provoke the National Security Council to take a different course of action.

5. Congressman's Trip Tied To Group U.S. Considers Terrorists (CHIT)
By Andrew Zajac And Mike Dorning
Chicago Tribune, August 24, 2006
WASHINGTON -- Chicago congressman Danny Davis and an aide took a trip to Sri Lanka last year that was paid for by the Tamil Tigers, a group that the U.S. government has designated as a terrorist organization for its use of suicide bombers and child soldiers, law enforcement sources said. Davis' seven-day trip came under new scrutiny this week following the arrests of 11 supporters of the organization on charges of participating in a broad conspiracy to support the terrorist group through money laundering, arms procurement and bribery of U.S. officials. The five-term Democratic congressman said he was unaware that the Tigers paid for the trip and on his required congressional disclosure form he reported that the trip was paid for by a Hickory Hills-based Tamil cultural organization, the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America. During the visit, Davis spent most of his time in a region controlled by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, as the group is formally known, and visited the organization's political headquarters. He also met with a police chief for the region appointed by the Tigers. The Tamil Tigers is a separatist group that has been fighting since 1983 for an independent state for 3.2 million ethnic Tamils in Sri Lanka, a tear-shaped island nation of 20 million off the southern tip of India. In addition to conventional guerrilla tactics, the group has used terrorist methods, including 200 suicide bombings, in a bloody conflict that has claimed more than 60,000 lives. Though the violence between the government and the separatist group abated during the past several years, it recently surged again, threatening a renewed civil war. Davis said he believed that the trip, from March 30 to April 5, 2005, was paid for by the Tamil federation, which in accordance with congressional ethics rules sent him a written statement of the travel expenses, more than \$7,000 each for Davis and his aide, Daniel Cantrell. Davis said he knew that the group was "associated" with the Tamil Tigers but did not realize that the trip's costs were covered with funds controlled by the rebel group. "I know who I got the trip from," Davis said. "I don't know if any clandestine group gave them money. All I know is what I saw and was told." He also said that he had not been contacted by federal investigators in

connection with the trip.

He defended the trip, saying he traveled there at the behest of ethnic Tamils who live in his West Side congressional district so that he could examine charges that the region was not receiving an equitable share of relief funding sent to Sri Lanka in the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami. Davis has been harshly critical of the Sri Lankan government's treatment of the Tamil minority.

"Since I have an interest in human rights and since I have a tendency to kind of favor the underdog, I went at their request

to take a look," Davis said. "I don't regret taking the trip. I have a much better understanding of the situation than prior to going."

As recently as this past Saturday, Davis talked in Chicago with a supporter of the Tamil Tigers who was among 11 people arrested on charges of conspiring to aid the rebel group through money laundering, procurement of arms, including surface-to-air missiles, and bribery of public officials.

That Tamil Tiger supporter, Murugesu Vinayagamoorthy, was described in a federal criminal complaint as a high-level operative who served as an intermediary between the Tigers' leaders and foreign backers. The complaint charges that he offered a \$1 million bribe to an undercover FBI agent posing as a State Department official in an attempt to remove the Tamil Tigers' designation as a terrorist organization.

Davis said he first met Vinayagamoorthy, a 57-year-old London physician, at a Tamil cultural event in the Chicago suburbs

at which both of them gave speeches "a few years ago." Vinayagamoorthy also participated in several of the meetings that Davis

held while visiting Sri Lanka, the congressman said.

The Tamil supporter contacted the congressman's office again last week seeking a chance to brief Davis on events in Sri Lanka, where violence between the government and Tamil Tigers has flared anew. Vinayagamoorthy arranged to do so while walking alongside Davis Saturday for 10 blocks during the congressman's annual "Back to School" Parade in Chicago, Davis said.

The criminal complaint against Vinayagamoorthy asserts that he had "direct and frequent contact" with leaders of the rebel group and was "often dispatched" to facilitate Tamil Tiger projects around the world.

Without mentioning Davis or his aide by name, the complaint describes a series of transactions in which Vinayagamoorthy and others charged in the case allegedly laundered \$13,150 in Tamil Tiger funds at the direction of a top guerilla leader to pay for travel of "two individuals" to Tamil-controlled Sri Lanka. The two individuals were Davis and Cantrell, law enforcement officials said.

Another person arrested in the case, Nachimuthu Socrates, was listed as a director in 2004 of the Tamil cultural organization which Davis listed in public disclosure forms as the trip's sponsor, the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America. Representatives of the federation did not return phone messages on Wednesday.

Davis said he always assumed that the organization had a connection with the Tamil Tigers.

"I knew that they were associated with the Tamil Tigers, yes," he said. Davis has been an outspoken supporter of the Tamil minority in Sri Lanka.

This month, he issued a statement condemning an Aug. 14 Sri Lankan Air Force bombing in Tamil-controlled territory that reportedly killed dozens of girls.

Davis' statement said the facility was an orphanage he had visited during his 2005 trip to Sri Lanka. The government said the site was a former orphanage being used as an LTTE training camp for female recruits.

"We've been engaged," Davis said. "There hasn't been anything clandestine about our position."

Davis has been one of the most prolific travelers in Congress, accepting 47 trips paid for by private groups since 2000. That total ranks Davis 15th among the 535 members of Congress, according to Political Moneyline, a non-partisan watchdog group that compiles data from congressional disclosure forms. The Tamil Tigers were designated by the State Department as a foreign terrorist organization in 1997. As a result, federal law bars providing them funding, arms or other material support. The FBI searched a residence Sunday in Glendale Heights in connection with the Tamil Tiger investigation, according to Ross Rice, a spokesman for the bureau's Chicago office. No arrests were made and no criminal charges have been filed as a result of the raid, Rice said.

6. President Serves Up Cup Of Coffee And Katrina Message (USAT)
By David Jackson

USA Today, August 24, 2006

WASHINGTON - President Bush served coffee to a Hurricane Katrina survivor in the Oval Office on Wednesday, and warned him and others that rebuilding the Gulf Coast will take years. "A one-year anniversary is just that, because it's going to require a long time to help these people rebuild," Bush said after meeting with Rocky Vaccarella of Louisiana. Vaccarella drove a replica FEMA trailer to Washington from St. Bernard Parish as part of a campaign to remind Americans of those who lost their homes to Katrina. The coffee klatch came as the administration is preparing for next week's anniversary of the hurricane and flooding, which took nearly 1,600 lives, caused more than \$81 billion in damage, and inflicted political pain on the Bush administration. Bush plans to declare a National Day of Remembrance for Aug. 29, the day Katrina struck. Spokeswoman Dana Perino said a proclamation will "honor those who did not survive the fury" of the storm, and "the heroes who rescued so many." The president plans to spend two days in the region. He will be in Mississippi on Monday, meeting with community leaders, touring damaged areas, and speaking about recovery efforts. He spends Tuesday in New Orleans, and events will include a service of prayer and remembrance. The White House is plotting its post-Katrina strategy as reports criticize aspects of the Katrina recovery. The liberal-leaning Brookings Institution, for example, said there have been "areas of progress," including housing, but "more progress is needed," particularly for renters and low-income residents. Congressional Democrats weighed in with their report, entitled "Broken Promises: The Republican Response To Katrina." "The response to Hurricane Katrina was disastrous," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said. Vaccarella had parked his trailer on a street that cuts across the National Mall, in sight of the U.S. Capitol building. An unemployed restaurant supervisor, Vaccarella called the presidential sit-down a "fantastic" experience. "I just wanted to let the president know, 'please, don't forget about us,' (and) that the rebuilding is taking a while," said Vaccarella, who is making a documentary of his experiences. Vaccarella, once a Republican candidate in a local election, praised Bush's efforts, at one point telling him, "I wish you had another four years, man." Bush grimaced at the endorsement of a third term, saying, "Wait a minute - " "It felt like I was talking to the average American," Vaccarella said. "He's definitely a people's president."

Bush Says Katrina Recovery Will Take Time (LAT)

By Johanna Neuman

The Los Angeles Times, August 24, 2006

Washington - President Bush on Wednesday reassured still-struggling victims of Hurricane Katrina that he has not

forgotten them, but warned recovery will not be achieved by the first anniversary of the devastating storm.

"It's a time to remember that people suffered, and it's a time to recommit ourselves to helping them," Bush said after meeting in the Oval Office with Rocky Vaccarella, who lost his home to Katrina. "But I also want people to remember that a one-year anniversary is just that, because it's going to require a long time to help these people rebuild."

The president discussed Katrina with Vaccarella, 41, of Merceux, La., who has been traveling the U.S., making a documentary about his road to recovery as he and his family live in a FEMA trailer.

The administration's Gulf Coast recovery coordinator, Donald E. Powell, said during a White House briefing Tuesday that since Katrina slammed into Louisiana and Mississippi on Aug. 29, 2005, only \$44 billion of the \$110 billion in federal money earmarked for rebuilding the region has been spent.

"I have a sense of frustration, I have a sense of urgency all the time," Powell said. Federal funds have begun to reach Mississippi homeowners, he said, but Louisiana has delayed its plans for distribution.

Bush addressed the delay in his remarks Wednesday.

"To the extent that there are still bureaucratic hurdles and the need for the federal government to help eradicate those hurdles, we want to do that," he said.

With midterm congressional elections less than three months away, Democrats are seeking to use the lapses in the government's response to Katrina -- including the vivid images of residents stranded on rooftops or directed to shelters with no food or water -- to sway voters against the Republicans.

In a new report, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who both plan to visit the Gulf region in the coming week, detailed what they described as the Bush administration's failures.

"One year ago, Katrina and Rita taught the American people the terrible lesson that their government was not prepared to protect them," Reid said Wednesday, announcing the report's release.

"Unfortunately, one year after the hurricanes and five years after 9/11, Bush Republicans in Washington still have not taken that lesson to heart."

The report, titled "Broken Promises," says that thousands of families still are waiting for trailers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency; that an estimated 11 percent of the \$19 billion spent by FEMA -- or about \$2 billion -- has been wasted by fraud and abuse; and that 80 percent of Gulf Coast businesses with approved Small Business Administration disaster loans are still waiting for the money.

In a separate report on wasteful procurement spending, two California Democrats, Reps. Henry Waxman and Dennis Cardoza, plan to announce on Thursday the formation of a "truth squad" to expose fraud and abuse in Katrina contract awards. Meanwhile, Vaccarella of Louisiana seemed to enjoy his "Forrest Gump" moment.

"You know, it's really amazing when a small man like me from St. Bernard Parish can meet the president of the United States," he said. "The president is a people person. I knew that from the beginning."

Bush had equally kind words for his visitor.

"Rock is a plain-spoken guy, he's the kind of fellow I feel comfortable talking to," said the president. "I told him that I understand that there's people down there that still need help. And I told him the federal government will work with the state and local authorities to get the help to them as quickly as possible."

Later, White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said that when the invitation to meet with Bush was extended to Vaccarella, White House staffers did not know that he was a Republican who had once run for local office. The exchange

between the president and Vaccarella ended as if the two were enjoying a convivial evening in a neighborhood bar.
"You're a good man, Rocky," said Bush, slapping Vaccarella on the back. "You are too," Vaccarella responded, slapping the president on the back in return. "Thanks a bunch."
As he walked along the White House driveway, Vaccarella talked with reporters, urging other Katrina survivors to "get rolling" and see the glass as half-full instead of half-empty.
"We get knocked down, we get back up, we're Americans," he said. "We got hit, we just need to get back on our feet and get rolling."
Then Vaccarella left, carrying a goody bag that he said contained a tie pin, a bookmark and other "tokens" from the president.

7. ABA Rating For 5th Circuit Nominee Angers Specter (LAW)

By T.r. Goldman, Legal Times

Legal Times, August 24, 2006

The American Bar Association's unanimous "not qualified" rating for Michael Wallace, the Mississippi lawyer nominated to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, has sent Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., into a tizzy. In an Aug. 7 letter, Specter demanded that the ABA "immediately revoke its 'Not Qualified' rating ... and begin a new review process." Such unanimous "not qualified" ratings are extremely rare, but the ABA, in a written summary of its decision, noted that it arrived at its conclusion after interviewing 69 lawyers and judges. While applauding Wallace's professional credentials -- Harvard College, the University of Virginia School of Law, clerk to then-Associate Justice William Rehnquist -- and his integrity, the ABA assailed his judicial temperament, including allegations of racial bias.

"A large number of minority lawyers stated that Mr. Wallace has on occasion been particularly disrespectful to them and often did not treat them as equals or peers in the profession," the report said.

Meanwhile, five controversial circuit court nominees, including Wallace, Pentagon general counsel William Haynes II, and Terrence Boyle, were sent back to the White House in accordance with a Senate rule that allows nominations to be returned if the Senate will be in recess for more than 30 days. The decision by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., puts the ball back in the White House's court, forcing the president to formally resubmit their names to the Senate if he wishes to pursue the nominations.

8. Sen. George Allen Gives Direct Apology (AP-Y)

By Bob Lewis, Associated Press Writer

AP, August 24, 2006

An obscure word played for laughs from a mostly white crowd at the expense of a man of Indian descent clouds what has been a bright political career for Sen. George Allen, including any White House plans.

The Republican, seeking a second term as he explores a 2008 presidential run, apologized directly Wednesday to the

Democratic aide he targeted, then joined President Bush for a private fundraiser in the Virginia suburbs of Washington.

But the damage has been done and it will haunt Allen for a while, said Merle Black, a political scientist at Emory University

in Atlanta and a specialist in presidential and congressional races.

"Clearly this has damaged his presidential aspirations," Black said in a telephone interview. "It just raises questions about his judgment and how sincere he is in how he deals with these kinds of issues."

At an Aug. 11 rally with about 100 supporters at Breaks, Va., near the Kentucky border, Allen singled out S.R. Sidarth, a volunteer who was tracking Allen and videotaping his campaign events for

Democrat Jim Webb, and twice called him "Macaca."

"Let's give a welcome to Macaca here. Welcome to America and the real world of Virginia," Allen said over laughter and ovations to Sidarth, a 20-year-old of Indian ancestry who was born in Fairfax County.

Macaca is a genus of monkeys including macaques. The name also could be spelled Makaka, which is a city in South Africa. Sidarth said he felt Allen tried to single him out by race. Sidarth recorded Allen, Webb's campaign posted the video on YouTube, and then the campaign alerted reporters. Within days, it became the dominant political story on network and cable news programs. Perhaps more damaging, it became grist for late-night talk shows and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," with Jon Stewart.

"In politics, when you become fodder for David Letterman and Jay Leno and Jon Stewart, you know you've had a bad day," said Tom Rath, a Republican National Committee member from New Hampshire.

To remain a strong presidential contender, Allen needs to beat Webb convincingly, and that job has become much tougher, Black said. "If it's close, that would be a sign of weakness and it will not help him in a national race," he said.

Allen's Senate candidacy alone has kept him from visiting the crucial early voting states - Iowa and New Hampshire - that potential GOP rivals John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney and others are touring this year.

And wherever Allen goes, Black said, the video will be hard for Allen to shake because it shows him pointing to Sidarth and singling him out for derision, and because he smiled as he needled Sidarth, seemingly enjoying the moment.

"He was giving no consideration to how this event would look if it went on TV," Black said.

Allen tracked Sidarth down Wednesday at the University of Virginia where he had returned for senior year of classes and apologized to him personally, said campaign manager Dick Wadhams.

"Senator Allen made a heartfelt apology. He told Sidarth he thought he would see him on the campaign trail, but Sidarth had headed back to U.Va., so we Googled his name, found his number and the senator called him this morning," Wadhams said.

GOP strategists agreed that Allen has damaged himself, but the incident need not doom him politically.

"Senator Allen needs to make it clear that he made a mistake, that this was obviously something he should not have done," said Mike Mahaffey, a former Iowa Republican Party chairman.

Iowa's nominating caucuses rely on one-to-one politics, giving Allen a chance to personally appeal to voters and convince them the incident was an aberration.

"If he can come across as sincere in that regard, it will not hamper him in Iowa," said Mahaffey, a GOP activist with a law practice in Montezuma, Iowa.

Rath said Allen's conservative credentials and his personal charm can appeal to New Hampshire Republicans if they get to know him. But because the Senate race keeps Allen in Virginia, Rath said, he remains "sort of the man behind the curtain here."

"To suddenly come back in this context is probably not the way he would have designed it," Rath said. "But I don't think it's fatal to him and a lot of Republicans here are very interested in taking a good hard look at George Allen."

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The final days
Arkansas Times Staff
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U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins of Little Rock says he'll likely be leaving his job in the next few "weeks or months," but almost certainly by the end of the year. He'd earlier told us he didn't intend to serve out the entirety of the Bush administration's second term and that he'd be looking for private sector work.

More newsy, perhaps, is who Cummins' successor might be. Informed sources say one possibility for a White House nomination is Tim Griffin, an Arkansas native who has worked in top jobs at both the Republican National

Committee and the White House on hard-charging political opposition research.

Though Griffin, currently finishing a military obligation, spent one year in Little Rock as an assistant U.S. attorney, his political work would likely get more attention - and Democratic opposition - in the Senate confirmation process. He'd likely have to endure some questioning about his role in massive Republican projects in Florida and elsewhere by which Republicans challenged tens of thousands of absentee votes. Coincidentally, many of those challenged votes were concentrated in black precincts.

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

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 11:27 AM
To: Nowacki, John (USAEO); Murphy, Sean (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: RE: The Morning News

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 11:48 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle; SJennings@gwb43.com
Subject: FW: Arkansas Article on Cummins

FYI

The final days
Arkansas Times Staff
Updated: 8/24/2006

U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins of Little Rock says he'll likely be leaving his job in the next few "weeks or months," but almost certainly by the end of the year. He'd earlier told us he didn't intend to serve out the entirety of the Bush administration's second term and that he'd be looking for private sector work.

More newsy, perhaps, is who Cummins' successor might be. Informed sources say one possibility for a White House nomination is Tim Griffin, an Arkansas native who has worked in top jobs at both the Republican National Committee and the White House on hard-charging political opposition research.

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2006 6:20 PM
To: 'griffinjag@earthlink.net'
Subject: RE: Form

Salary would be \$142,900. Best, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2006 1:52 PM
To: griffinjag@earthlink.net
Subject: Form

Tim -- If you wouldn't mind filling out this form and returning it to me by fax, that would be great. Will get back to you on the salary question. Talk to you soon.

Best, Monica

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White House Liaison & Senior Counsel to the Attorney General
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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2006 7:46 PM
To: Friedrich, Matthew
Subject: Tim Griffin

Did you speak with Alice - are we good to go with bringing him on and sending him to Ark.? Thanks.

Goodling, Monica

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 8:07 AM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Williamson, Angela
Subject: RE: Tim Griffin

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks
Sherry

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 8:14 AM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Williamson, Angela
Subject: RE: Tim Griffin

He should be a Counselor to the AAG, SES salary \$142,900. Thanks.

From: Mahoney, Sherry A
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 8:09 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Cc: Williamson, Angela
Subject: RE: Tim Griffin

Monica - If you can tell me what salary you want him to have as Senior Counsel, ES, I can prepare the paperwork and send it on to you. Since he was previously a Schedule C in DOJ, I already have enough information on him to prepare a 1652.

I'll still need his resume and PPO Form when he does complete it.

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From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 12:41 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: FW: Timing

FYI, below - I think ATF will be good to go for Thursday and [redacted] has agreed to go into ATF with [redacted] for a couple weeks. [redacted] paperwork is at the WH and Lu meets with him on Tuesday. Sensenbrenner's COS knows [redacted] is under consideration and is so supportive on these issues that he's happy to have [redacted] move over to DOJ without a full two weeks notice, if we need him fast for the good of the order. So, I think this one looks good and am keeping ODAG in the loop.

In other personnel news, [redacted] accepted today. I think he and [redacted] will both start 9/25. As of a few hours ago, Lu had not heard back from [redacted] yet, so I'll call him tomorrow and see where he's at. I also connected with [redacted] on Friday, and she is thinking. [redacted] has been tentatively offered a great job running State's women's office with Karen Hughes and under Paula Dob. Much broader mission than ours -- international aid, education, healthcare, etc -- and with some great women, obviously. So she's pretty tempted, but still asking questions. But, even if she decides to go (and State wants to do their own security clearance, which gives us 5-6 weeks), [redacted] is amendable to serving as Acting at OVW here, if needed, and is helping gather some other long-term ideas for us.

And last but not least, Crim agreed to put Tim Griffin into one of their spots, so I'm going forward with the plan we discussed -- and his PPO paperwork is in. We also found someone for a counsel spot for OLP - so that should help Rachel out a little....

-----Original Message-----
From: Sullivan, Michael (USAMA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 12:16 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Cc: Harris, Gregory
Subject: RE: Timing

Monica thank you for all your help and support. I can be down there first thing Thursday. I will give you a call tomorrow morning. I look forward to speaking with Greg. I appreciate your willingness to assist in the transition Greg. Thanks again. Regards, Mike.

Press conferences went well.

-----Original Message-----
From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 10:05 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Sullivan, Michael (USAMA)
Cc: Harris, Gregory
Subject: Timing

Mike -- I hope your press conference went well today. Yesterday's received some good press -- congratulations!

All the best,
Monica

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Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 3:40 AM
To: Goodling, Monica; Sampson, Kyle; Richard.D._Klingler@who.eop.gov
Subject: FW: U.S. attorney says he's told bosses he's looking elsewhere

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Scott - Our paperwork to bring Tim over to DOJ around Sept 25, when he finishes at the Army, went over to PPO yesterday, so you should see it soon.

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 4:01 PM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Subject: FW: Tim Griffin

This works for Tim. He'll be here for orientation on the 27th. Should have WH approval any time.

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

From:
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 3:57 PM
To: Goodling, Monica;
Subject: Re: Tim Griffin

Cool. Thank you. I will shoot for 27th a.m. At DOJ

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From: "Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov" <Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov>
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To:

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From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 8:55 AM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A; Byrnes, Kathleen T
Cc: Walsh, Richard M
Subject: Re: New Noncareer SES Appointee - John Timothy Griffin

He has a TS clearance from the WH, so the reciprocity agreement should cover him.

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

From: Mahoney, Sherry A
To: Byrnes, Kathleen T
CC: Walsh, Richard M; Goodling, Monica
Sent: Mon Sep 11 08:51:04 2006
Subject: RE: New Noncareer SES Appointee - John Timothy Griffin

Kathy - Mr. Griffin will be appointed 9/27/06. Any word on his security status?

Thanks
Sherry

From: Byrnes, Kathleen T
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 4:18 PM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Walsh, Richard M
Subject: RE: New Noncareer SES Appointee

Sherry - The OAG did not ask us to contact him. They were just interested in reviewing his BI. I believe the BI was within the 5 year scope.

Rich - I gave a copy of the White House summary to Dorianna. Please check date to assure a new BI doesn't need to be initiated.
Name Check Unit is going to forward us the BI - supposedly this week. Thks.....

Kathy Byrnes
Security Specialist
Personnel Security Group
Security and Emergency Planning Staff
Justice Management Division

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(202) 514-4555 (fax)

From: Mahoney, Sherry A
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 4:06 PM
To: Byrnes, Kathleen T
Subject: RE: New Noncareer SES Appointee

Kathy - I didn't know that the AG's office contacted you. Will you let me know if he needs to complete any paperwork or did the OAG ask you to contact him?

Thanks
Sherry

From: Byrnes, Kathleen T
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 2:22 PM

To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Subject: RE: New Noncareer SES Appointee

We've already called for the file on this person last week. It was an urgent request from the AG's office.

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From: Mahoney, Sherry A
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 1:36 PM
To: Byrnes, Kathleen T
Cc: Rice, Dorianna C
Subject: New Noncareer SES Appointee

Kathy - John Timothy Griffin worked at DOJ until June 2002. He currently works at the White House, but is on military leave with the Army, Judge Advocate General Corps. I do not have his place of birth, but will get it if you need it.

John Timothy Griffin
Noncareer SES
Counsel to the AAG, CRM

Let me know what security paperwork he needs.

Thanks
Sherry

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:20 AM
To: 'Chelsea_M_Holden@who.eop.gov'; Williamson, Angela; Luis_A_Reyes@who.eop.gov
Cc: Luke_Frans@who.eop.gov; Kevin_H_Curran@who.eop.gov
Subject: RE: Cleared

Thank you!

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

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Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:07 AM
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Cc: Luke_Frans@who.eop.gov; Kevin_H_Curran@who.eop.gov; Chelsea_M_Holden@who.eop.gov
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DJES - 2364
\$142,900
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Goodling, Monica

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Subject: RE: Cleared

I have no idea what it stands for, but he's Counselor to the CRIM AAG technically, but will be detailed to the USAO in Arkansas after EOD'ing.

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

From: Luis A. Reyes@who.eop.gov [mailto:Luis A. Reyes@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:39 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: RE: Cleared

Dumb question. Remind me what DJES is? Where will Tim go?

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

From: Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov [mailto:Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:18 AM
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MAJ John T. Griffin
Judge Advocate
501st Special Troops Battalion
101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)
FOB Marez
Mosul, Iraq

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From: griffinjag@earthlink.net [mailto:griffinjag@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 3:50 PM
To: Goodling, Monica; griffinjag@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: admin leave

Sure

US Army as a MAJOR 2005-2006 approximately) annual (army reserve mobilized to active duty) (figure doesn't include allowances)

WHITE HOUSE

April-Sept 2005 Commissioned Officer Special Assistant to the President annual

CONSULTANT Jan-April 2005 annual

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE 2002-2004.

2002 annual

2003 annual

2004 annual

(Dates are approximate)

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From: "Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov" <Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov>
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Do y'all have highest previous salary?

Thank you!
Chelsea

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This is what I intend to send to Harriet. Any corrections?

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Harriet, the U.S. Attorney ranks currently break down as follows:

I. Vacancies w/o Candidates

D. Alaska
E.D. Tenn.
S.D.W.V.

II. USAs Who Have Been (Or Will Be) Nominated for Other Things (I am strongly of the view that we should be working now to get their replacements selected, nominated, and in the pipeline)

III. USAs Who, Rumor Has It, Will Be Leaving in Coming Months

IV. USA in the Process of Being Pushed Out

E.D. Ark. (Bud Cummins)

V. USAs We Now Should Consider Pushing Out

D. Ariz. (Paul Charlton)
S.D. Cal. (Carol Lam)

W.D. Mich. (Margaret Chiara)
D. Nev. (Dan Bogden)

W.D. Wash. (John McKay)

VI. Summary

I am only in favor of executing on a plan to push some USAs out if we are ready and willing to put in the time necessary to select candidates and get them appointed -- it will be counterproductive to DOJ operations if we push USAs out and then don't have replacements ready to roll. In addition, I strongly recommend that, as a matter of policy, we utilize the new statutory provisions that authorize the AG to make USA appointments. We can continue to do selection in JSC, but then should have DOJ take over entirely the vet and appointment. By not going the PAS route, we can give far less deference to home-State Senators and thereby get (1) our preferred person appointed and (2) do it far faster and more efficiently, at less cost to the White House.

What say you?

Kyle

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

From: Harriet Miers@who.eop.gov [mailto:Harriet.Miers@who.eop.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 2:39 PM

To: Sampson, Kyle

Subject: United States Attorneys

Kyle, any current thinking on holdover U. S. Attorneys? Any recent word on intentions?

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 3:50 PM
To: Walsh, Richard M; Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Williamson, Angela; ID Section
Subject: RE: John Timothy Griffin, EOD

Thanks

From: Walsh, Richard M
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 3:48 PM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Goodling, Monica; Williamson, Angela; ID Section
Subject: John Timothy Griffin, EOD

Sherry, I received certification that Mr. Griffin's SSBI, 5/23/06, was favorably adjudicated, and from a security standpoint, he is cleared to enter on duty.

Non-Career SES
Counsel to the AAG, CRM

Rich Walsh

Security Programs Specialist
202-514-2325

Tracking:

Recipient
Walsh, Richard M
Mahoney, Sherry A
Williamson, Angela
ID Section

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Read: 9/15/2006 4:03 PM

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 4:03 PM
To: 'griffinjag@earthlink.net'
Cc: Williamson, Angela; Mahoney, Sherry A; Friedrich, Matthew; Washington, Tracy T; Nowacki, John (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Welcome (back) to DOJ

My apologies. The fall is flying by so fast. Correction: EOD date is September 27.

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 3:52 PM
To: 'griffinjag@earthlink.net'
Cc: Williamson, Angela; Mahoney, Sherry A; Friedrich, Matthew; Washington, Tracy T; Nowacki, John (USAEO)
Subject: Welcome (back) to DOJ

Tim --

This note is to confirm your appointment as Counselor, Criminal Division, and to provide you with information regarding your first day. You will be compensated at a Senior Executive Salary rate of \$142,900 per year.

On Wednesday, September 27, at 8:30am, please report to Sherry Mahoney of the Justice Management Division. Her office is located in the National Place Building (directions below). Please bring two forms of ID with you to complete the entrance paperwork: (1) a valid driver's license, and (2) either your passport, a copy of your birth certificate OR your Social Security card.

After an orientation and completion of personnel paperwork with Sherry, you will then proceed to the Main Justice building, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, for your badging, in Room 6228. You'll need to enter the building at the Constitution Ave. entrance between 9th and 10th.

When your badging is complete, please report to my office on the 5th floor of Main Justice (Room 5119). The number to my office is (202) 353-4435. Please let me know if you have questions about these details. Thank you very much -- we look forward to seeing you soon.

Best, Monica

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"We rededicate ourselves to the ideals that inspired our founders. During that hot summer in Philadelphia more than 200 years ago, from our desperate fight for independence to the darkest days of a civil war, to the hard-fought battles of the 20th century, there were many chances to lose our heart, our nerve, or our way. But Americans have always held firm, because we have always believed in certain truths: We know that the freedom we defend is meant for all men and women, and for all times. And we know that when the work is hard, the proper response is not retreat; it is courage." - President George W. Bush, July 4, 2005

Directions to the National Place Building:

The building is located on F Street NW, between 13th and 14th Streets. Enter through the first set of glass double doors, walk down the steps and keep straight to the second set of glass double doors. You will see the Concierge desk to the right. Continue straight and bear to the left where the elevator bank is. Take the elevator to the 11th floor and ask for Sherry Mahoney at the receptionist desk. Should you get lost, her number is (202) 514-6794.

Tracking: Recipient Read
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Recipient

Williamson, Angela
Mahoney, Sherry A
Friedrich, Matthew
Washington, Tracy T
Nowacki, John (USAEO)

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Read: 9/19/2006 6:38 AM
Read: 9/15/2006 4:05 PM

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Subject: RE: EODs for the Week of 9/25/06

Yes, so far.

From: Mahoney, Sherry A
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Cc: Williamson, Angela
Subject: EODs for the Week of 9/25/06

Monica - I just want to confirm the following EOD dates:

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9/27/06 - John Timothy Griffin, CRM

Thanks
Sherry
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Mahoney, Sherry A

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:50 AM
To: Mahoney, Sherry A
Cc: Kennedy, Matthew B; Gresham, Nina C
Subject: RE: Tim Griffin

Arkansas

From: Mahoney, Sherry A
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:40 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Cc: Kennedy, Matthew B; Gresham, Nina C
Subject: Tim Griffin
Importance: High

Monica - He is completing his paperwork and advised us that he will be detailed immediately to a position in Arkansas. Can you confirm that so we can identify which state tax to withhold?

Thanks
Sherry

Tracking:

Recipient

Mahoney, Sherry A

Kennedy, Matthew B

Gresham, Nina C

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:19 PM
To: Nowacki, John (USAEO)
Subject: Sorry, one more Q --

Where are we with the Griffin MOU -- that needs to be ready and signed tomorrow. Please zap me a draft in the a.m.
Thanks.

Goodling, Monica

From: Washington, Tracy T
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 10:49 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: Tim Griffin is here.

Tracy T. Washington
Staff Assistant
Office of the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Room 5114
Washington, DC 20530
(202) 514-9660

Goodling, Monica

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 12:28 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: RE: USA for L.A.

Nope -- my push was for as soon after the election as possible. So, I would shoot for early that next week.

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

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 10:09 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: RE: USA for L.A.

November 10 is Veteran's Day and EOUSA planned to be shut down - any reason why it has to be that day?

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

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 5:40 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: USA for L.A.

Talked w/ Harriet/Kelley/Hoyt re this. Pls ask EOUSA to quietly sked the following for interviews on 11/10:

They are going to tell Parsky (1) we're interviewing these guys and (2) if he has any others he should send them now.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS – APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

11/13/06

PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED – 32

DISTRICT	NAME	DATE OF OATH
* ARIZONA	PAUL K. CHARLTON	11/14/01
ARKANSAS/EASTERN	H.E. "BUD" CUMMINS, III	1/9/02
* CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	KEVIN V. RYAN	8/2/02
* CALIFORNIA/SOUTHERN	CAROL C. LAM	11/18/02

*	MICHIGAN/WESTERN	MARGARET M. CHIARA	11/02/01
*	NEVADA	DANIEL G. BOGDEN	11/02/01
*	NEW MEXICO	DAVID C. IGLESIAS	10/17/01

* WASHINGTON/WESTERN	JOHN McKAY, JR.	10/30/01
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