

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 5:13 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: RE: Conf Call, re: Tim Griffin

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?)

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

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

Fyi - to catch you up on the latest here (unless something else has happened this week), scott and I spoke last thurs or fri and this is what's going on...

We have a senator prob, so while wh is intent on nominating, scott thinks we may have a confirmation issue. Also, WH has a personnel issue as tim returns to the states this week and is still on WH payroll. The possible solution I suggested to scott was that we (DOJ) pick him up as a political, examine the BI completed in May pursuant to his WH post, and then install him as an interim. That resolves both the WH personnel issue and gets him into the office he and the WH want him in. I asked Elston to feel out the DAG on bringing Tim into one of the vacant ADAG spots there, just for a short time until we install him in Arkansas. The DAG wanted to look at his resume, and I sent it him before I left. Was going to run this plan by you once I knew the DAG was onboard. If not, I suppose we can look at CRIM, but knowing Tim, my guess is he'd prefer something else given that he was in CRIM in 2001. (Tim knows nothing about my idea for a solution at this point - wanted your signoff, and a home for him, before I called him.)

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

From: Sampson, Kyle
To: 'SJennings@gwb43.com' <SJennings@gwb43.com>; Goodling, Monica
Sent: Fri Aug 18 11:52:05 2006
Subject: RE: Conf Call, re: Tim Griffin

Tell us when, Scott, and we'll be on it.

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

From: SJennings@gwb43.com [mailto: SJennings@gwb43.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 11:41 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle; Goodling, Monica
Subject: Conf Call, re: Tim Griffin

Can we get a call together on this Monday or Tuesday ... after you are back, Monica?

J. Scott Jennings

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Tracking:

Recipient

Goodling, Monica

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Read: 8/18/2006 5:27 PM

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 2:49 PM
To: 'SJennings@gwb43.com'
Subject: RE: Arkansas Article on Cummins

Yes, but we'll bring him on and then detail him down to AR.

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

From: SJennings@gwb43.com [mailto: SJennings@gwb43.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 2:43 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: RE: Arkansas Article on Cummins

Do you have to already be a DOJ employee to become a Special AUSA?

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

From: Kyle.Sampson@usdoj.gov [mailto: Kyle.Sampson@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 2:29 PM
To: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: Arkansas Article on Cummins

I think it's a great idea and endorse it wholeheartedly.

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

From: SJennings@gwb43.com [mailto: SJennings@gwb43.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 1:51 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: FW: Arkansas Article on Cummins

Tim said he got a call from Bud offering this idea: that Tim come on board as a special AUSA while Bud finalizes his private sector plans. That would alleviate pressure/implication that Tim forced Bud out.

Any thoughts on that? Tim seemed relatively excited about that option this morning on the phone.

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From: Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov [mailto: Monica.Goodling@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 11:46 AM
To: Kyle.Sampson@usdoj.gov; Scott Jennings

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.

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: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 4:06 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: RE: United States Attorneys

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

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From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 4:26 PM
To: Ward, Brent
Subject: RE: Obscenity cases

So that neither of us step on Alice's or Paul's toes, let's start by going through the regular channels. Ping me in a week or so, and I'll let you know if the word has gotten up to us. Thx, Brent.

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

From: Ward, Brent
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 3:52 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Obscenity cases

Kyle,

We have two U.S. Attorneys who are unwilling to take good cases we have presented to them. They are Paul Charlton in Phoenix (this is urgent) and Dan Bogden in Las Vegas. In light of the AG's comments at the NAC to "kick butt and take names", what do you suggest I do? Do you think at this point that these names should go through channels to reach the AG, or is it enough for me to give the names to you? If you want to act on what I give you, I will be glad to provide a little more context for each of the two situations.

Thanks.

Brent

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 3:21 PM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Subject: FW: United States Attorneys

See below for my list of U.S. Attorneys we should consider replacing. Does it match up with yours.

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Elston, Michael (ODAG)

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Sampson, Kyle

From: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2006 7:22 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Other Possibilities

These have been suggested to me by others:

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:55 AM
To: 'Harriet_Miers@who.eop.gov'; 'William_K._Kelley@who.eop.gov'
Cc: McNulty, Paul J
Subject: USA replacement plan

Importance: High

Attachments: USA replacement plan.doc

Harriet/Bill, please see the attached. Please note (1) the plan, by its terms, would commence this week; (2) I have consulted with the DAG, but not yet informed others who would need to be brought into the loop, including Acting Associate AG Bill Mercer, EOUSA Director Mike Battle, and AGAC Chair Johnny Sutton (nor have I informed anyone in Karl's shop, another pre-execution necessity I would recommend); and (3) I am concerned that to execute this plan properly we must all be on the same page and be steeled to withstand any political upheaval that might result (see Step 3); if we start caving to complaining U.S. Attorneys or Senators then we shouldn't do it – it'll be more trouble than it is worth.

We'll stand by for a green light from you. Upon the green light, we'll (1) circulate the below plan to the list of folks in Step 3 (and ask that you circulate it to Karl's shop), (2) confirm that Kelley is making the Senator/Bush political lead calls, and (3) get Battle making the calls to the USAs. Let us know.



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PLAN FOR REPLACING CERTAIN UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

November 15, 2006

STEP 1

U.S. Attorney calls: On or about November 15-17, Mike Battle contacts the following U.S. Attorneys:

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- Dan Bogden (D. Nev.)
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STEP 2

Senator calls: On or about November 15-17 (very important that Senator calls and U.S. Attorney calls happen simultaneously), Bill Kelley or appropriate Associate Counsel contacts the following Republican home-state Senators or, where there is no Republican home-state Senator, the home-state "Bush political lead":

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- John Ensign (re Bogden)
- Pete Domenici (re Iglesias)
- California political lead (re Lam)
- Michigan political lead (re Chiara)
- Washington political lead (re McKay)

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From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 2:20 PM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Subject: Re: N.D.Cal

The list is expanded; still waiting for green light from White House (though we would not launch until after 12/7 anyway).

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
To: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Sat Dec 02 13:50:25 2006
Subject: Re: N.D.Cal

I agree. It is certainly something we should consider fighting about. Any chance that we get candid information from such evaluations would be gone if we just turned it over.

This may also become unlikely if the list is expanded by one as we discussed earlier.

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From: Sampson, Kyle
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Sent: Sat Dec 02 11:47:37 2006
Subject: RE: N.D.Cal

EARS evaluations seem pretty deliberative to me.

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From: Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 7:41 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
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-----Original Message-----
From: Margolis, David
To: Moschella, William; Kelly, John (USABO); Battle, Michael (USABO); Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Sent: Fri Dec 01 19:32:44 2006
Subject: N.D.Cal

I just got a call from a well placed source who said that judge [redacted] will be asking conyers, pelosi and waxman to secure copies of the ears evaluation and the special follow up review. A couple of months ago, the judge (with whom I have dealt for almost 10 years and have dined with) had called to ask me for a copy of the evaluation and I declined noting that I would not ask her for and she would not give me a copy of any evaluations of the court or the clerk's office. I thought she was satisfied. Evidently I was wrong.

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 6:26 PM
To: 'Kelley, William K.'
Cc: 'Miers, Harriet'
Subject: RE: US Atty Plan
Attachments: USA replacement plan.doc

here is the revised plan, per our discussions

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 6:12 PM
To: 'Kelley, William K.'
Cc: Miers, Harriet
Subject: RE: US Atty Plan
Importance: High

Great. We would like to execute this on Thursday, December 7 (all the U.S. Attorneys are in town for our Project Safe Childhood conference until Wednesday; we want to wait until they are back home and dispersed, to reduce chatter). So, on Thursday morning, we'll need the calls to be made as follows:

- * AG calls Sen. Kyl
- * Harriet/Bill call Sens. Ensign and Domenici (alternatively, the AG could make these calls and, if Senators express any concern, offer briefings re why the decision was made – let me know)
- * White House OPA calls California, Michigan, and Washington "leads"

EOUSA Director Mike Battle then will call the relevant U.S. Attorneys. Okay?

From: Kelley, William K. [mailto:William_K._Kelley@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 4:48 PM
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To: McNulty, Paul J; Battle, Michael (USAEO)
Cc: Goodling, Monica; Moschella, William; Elston, Michael (ODAG)
Subject: FW: US Atty Plan
Importance: High
Attachments: USA replacement plan.doc

Tracking:	Recipient	Read
	McNulty, Paul J	Read: 12/4/2006 6:32 PM
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Paul/Mike, we are a go for Thursday (see below). At this point we likely need to inform Johnny Sutton and Bill Mercer re the plan (so they are not caught unawares) – Paul, do you want to handle that, or would you like me to? On Thursday, I think we should shoot to get the Senator calls done in the morning, and then have Mike start calling USAs at noon – let me know if anyone thinks otherwise. Thx.

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 6:26 PM
To: 'Kelley, William K.'
Cc: 'Miers, Harriet'
Subject: RE: US Atty Plan

here is the revised plan, per our discussions

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 6:12 PM
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- * White House OPA calls California, Michigan, and Washington "leads"

EOUSA Director Mike Battle then will call the relevant U.S. Attorneys. Okay?

From: Kelley, William K. [mailto:William_K_Kelley@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 4:48 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Cc: Miers, Harriet
Subject: US Atty Plan

We're a go for the US Atty plan. WH leg, political, and communications have signed off and acknowledged that we have to be committed to following through once the pressure comes.

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 7:27 PM
To: 'Jane Cherry'
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: RE: US Attorney Vacancies

Sorry for the late response. Here is the status of U.S. Attorney appointments. As you will see, we need to get some names generated pronto.

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OTHERS

From: Jane Cherry [mailto:jcherry@gwb43.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 9:28 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Cc: Scott Jennings
Subject: US Attorney Vacancies

Kyle,

Just following up on Scott's behalf to see if we could get the list you discussed with him this weekend.

Thank you!

Jane

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 10:51 PM
To: Mercer, William W
Subject: Heads up

Attachments: USA replacement plan.doc

Administration has determined to ask some underperforming USAs to move on (you'll remember I beat back a much broader -- like across the board -- plan that WHCO was pushing after 2004). Calls will go out on Thursday. Wanted you to know in case you get some calls from the field and so you can help manage the chatter that may result. See the attached for the details.



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From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 7:04 PM
To: 'William_K_Kelley@who.eop.gov'
Cc: 'Harriet_Miers@who.eop.gov'; 'Debbie_S_Fiddelke@who.eop.gov'
Subject: Re: Nevada US Atty

Thx for the heads up.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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

From: Kelley, William K. <William_K_Kelley@who.eop.gov>
To: Sampson, Kyle
CC: Miers, Harriet <Harriet_Miers@who.eop.gov>; Fiddelke, Debbie S. <Debbie_S_Fiddelke@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Fri Dec 08 18:33:17 2006
Subject: Nevada US Atty

Heads up about disgruntlement in Nevada. Sen. Ensign's COS informs me that the Senator is very unhappy about the decision to let Bogden go, very unhappy about its timing, and doesn't understand the urgency. They say that they have confirmed about 6 judges, 5 marshals, and 1 US Attorney, and it hasn't taken less than 9 months for a single one of those confirmations to be accomplished in a Republican-controlled Congress. Why, they ask, leave the office in the hands of an interim person during that period when it could have been Bogden?

I explained to him our thinking at some length. But they are unsatisfied, and the COS said that Ensign would be calling the AG to make sure that Bodgen, who they say has done a great job for Nevada, gets a fair shake.

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2006 10:36 AM
To: 'Kelley, William K.'
Subject: RE:

Great. Sen. Kyl is fine.
Is OPA calling the political leads in CA, WA, and MI?
We will commence calling the USAs in the next hour or so.

From: Kelley, William K. [mailto:William_K_Kelley@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2006 10:29 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject:

Domenici's COS is happy as a clam and will get us names forthwith.

Left message for Ensign's COS. Said I needed to talk to him asap, but didn't give details.

Sampson, Kyle

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2007 4:55 PM
To: Iglesias, David C. (USANM)
Subject: Re: Reference Request

David, I am well thank you. You can list the AG as a reference -- not a problem. Good luck!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Iglesias, David C. (USANM) <David.C.Iglesias@usdoj.gov>
To: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wed Jan 10 11:43:57 2007
Subject: Reference Request

Kyle: Hope you're doing well in this new year. I wondering if you could ask the Judge if I can list him as an reference? As you know, I'll be resigning in the next month or so and am looking for a job. Please let me know if he consents. Thanks.

Regards,

David