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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Branch
Communications Center
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Washington, D.C. 20223

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File Number: 20070567

Dear Requester:

Reference is made to your Freedom of Information and/or Privacy Acts request originally received by the United States Secret Service on October 18, 2007, for information pertaining to the ejection of three individuals from a Town Hall meeting at the Rockies Air and Space Museum on March 21, 2005.

Enclosed are copies of documents from Secret Service records. The referenced material was considered under both the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and/or the Privacy Act, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a. Pursuant to the Acts, exemptions have been applied where deemed appropriate. The exemptions cited are marked below.

In addition, approximately 64 page(s) were withheld in their entirety. An enclosure to this letter explains the exemptions in more detail.

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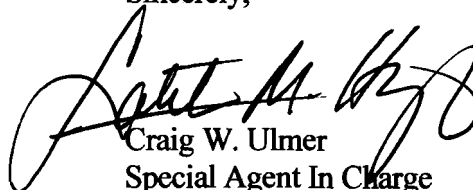
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Please use the file number indicated above in all future correspondence with the Secret Service.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Ulmer
Special Agent In Charge
Freedom of Information &
Privacy Acts Officer

Enclosure: FOIA and Privacy Act Exemption List

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

Provisions of the Freedom of Information Act do not apply to matter that are:

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices any agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

**PRIVACY ACT
SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

The provisions of the Privacy Act do not apply to:

- (d) (5) material compiled in reasonable anticipation of civil action or proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) material is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy;
- (k) (2) material compiled during investigations for law enforcement purposes;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or other individuals pursuant to section 3056 of Title 18;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, military service, Federal contracts, or for access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior to the September 27, 1975, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used solely to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in the Federal service the disclosure of which would compromise the objectivity or fairness of the testing or examination process;

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Memorandum Report

CASE NUMBER: 190-804-0000314

CASE TYPE: Criminal - Other

TITLE OR CAPTION: Impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent

OFFICE: Inspection Division

ORIGIN: Office of Inspection

STATUS: Closed

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT: Denver, CO

PERIOD COVERED: June 10, 2005 - July 14, 2005

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY: Assistant Inspector _____ and
Inspector

REPORT COMPLETED BY: _____ **DATE:** 7/22/05
Inspector

REPORT APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** 7-22-05
~~Elias K. Alvazis~~
Special Agent in Charge

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CONTROLLED BY: SAIC Elias K. Alvazis
OFFICE: Inspection Division
DATE: July 22, 2005
DECONTROL DATE: December 31, 2015

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SYNOPSIS

On July 13, 2005, this case was presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), District of Colorado.

REFERRED

Case closed.

(A) DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to the previous memorandum report in this case dated July 7, 2005.

(B) SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

Title: Impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent

(C) DISPOSITION

Judicial Action

On July 13, 2005, inspectors personally presented this case to Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) James R. Allison, Chief - Criminal Division, USAO, District of Colorado, in Denver, CO.

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Case closed.

(D) ATTACHMENT

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OFFICE: Inspection Division

ORIGIN: Office of Inspection

STATUS: Continued

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT: Denver, CO

PERIOD COVERED: April 19, 2005 - June 9, 2005

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY: Assistant Inspectors
and Inspector

REPORT COMPLETED BY: _____ **DATE:** 7/7/05

Inspector

REPORT APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE:** 7-7-05
Elias K. Alvazis
Special Agent in Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This case involves the alleged impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service (USSS) special agent (SA) on March 21, 2005, at a presidential site in Denver, CO.

Interviews have been conducted in Denver, CO with USSS personnel, a White House staff volunteer, an event site supervisor, a political staff volunteer, and the three complainants.

No information has been established to support the complainants' allegation that an unknown white male impersonated a USSS SA.

Case continued pending presentation to the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), District of Colorado.

(A) DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

REFERRED REFERRED

On April 19, 2005, the Office of Inspection referred this case to Inspection Division.

On April 20, 2005, I received the following documents from Deputy Special Agent in Charge (DSAIC) Mark E. Hughes, Inspection Division:

REFERRED REFERRED

- Copy of a three-page Memorandum of Record (SSF 1932), dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA [redacted] Denver Field Office (FO), to Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) Lon R. Garner, Denver FO (Attachment 4).
- Copy of a two-page memorandum, dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA [redacted] Miami FO, to SAIC - Miami FO and SAIC - Denver FO (Attachment 5).
- Copy of a one-page memorandum, dated March 24, 2005, authored by Uniformed Division (UD) Sergeant (Sgt.) [redacted] to SAIC - Presidential Protective Division (PPD) (Attachment 6).
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The review of Senator Salazar's letter provided the following information:

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The review of SA

SSF 1932 provided the following information:

- He stated that on March 22, 2005, the Denver FO was contacted by [redacted] who stated that she, [redacted] and [redacted] were forcibly removed from the Wings Over the Rockies presidential site on March 21, 2005, by a person she believed to be a USSS SA.

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• SA [redacted] said he was a member of an on-site intelligence (ID) team, SA [redacted] was informed by a White House staff member that three individuals had been asked to leave the event and they did so without incident or protest.

• SA [redacted] stated he spoke to SA [redacted] who was posted in the parking lot area of the event. SA [redacted] said he observed three individuals being asked to leave by the staff. SA [redacted] stated the staff had identified the three individuals as potential protestors and asked them to leave.

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• On an unknown date, [redacted] contacted a Denver Post newspaper reporter and Assistant SAIC (ASAIC) [redacted] Office of Government and Public Affairs, USSS, about the incident.

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SA [redacted] stated that there were no interruptions at this event by hecklers or protestors.

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The review of SA [redacted] two-page memorandum provided the following information:

- He said that on March 21, 2005, he was working as a relief SA for the post standers at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum. This visit was in support of President Bush.
- He stated that while relieving the SA assigned to the main magnetometer checkpoint, he observed a USSS UD officer escorting three individuals (one male and two females) away from the guest entrance area.
- He said that he walked over to assist the UD officer and was asked by the male individual who he was. He verbally identified himself as a USSS SA.
- He stated that he was told by the UD officer that the three individuals were told to leave the event by a staff member. The individuals confirmed the UD officer's statement and asked him why they were told to leave.
- He said that he asked the individuals to see the tickets that they used to gain entry into the event. All three individuals produced genuine tickets and again stated that they were told to leave by a staff member inside the event site.
- He said that he requested that a staff member/volunteer, who he had seen in the area, assist him and the UD officer in determining why the three individuals were told to leave the event site.
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- He stated that the three individuals (one male and two females) were then joined by a fourth individual (female) who exited from inside the event site.
- He stated that the four individuals said that they thought the event was open to both parties and wanted to know who they could speak to about why they were being told to leave.

- He said that he told the four individuals that neither he nor the UD officer have anything to do with who receives or does not receive tickets to the event, but at the request of the staff they were now required to leave the event site.
- He said that the UD officer told the four individuals that they must leave the event site or they would be arrested.
- He stated that the four individuals said they got their tickets from their congressman. He advised the individuals to speak to their congressman and again informed them that they must leave the event site.
- He said the four individuals left the secure area of the event site without incident.
- He stated he related the above information to the site ID team

The review of UD Sgt.
information:

one-page memorandum provided the following

- He stated that on March 21, 2005, he was assigned to a PPD detail at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum in Denver, CO.
- He said that he was approached by a female staff event representative, who was escorting three individuals out of the event. At the time, he was standing outside the secure area away from the magnetometers.
- He stated that the event staff representative told him that they were no longer welcome and asked that they not be permitted re-entry. A male guest, who had been asked to leave, asked him the reason why he had to leave.
- He said that he explained to the male guest that he did not know what had occurred, but the event staff has the right to deny access to any guest.
- He stated that he was joined by a SA temporarily assigned to the post. The male guest asked the SA who he was and the SA identified himself to the guest and reiterated that he must leave the event.
- He said that the male guest asked the SA why they must leave the event. The SA explained that they were asked to leave by the event staff. The three individuals exited the event and departed the area.

On April 21, 2005, Assistant Inspector _____ and I interviewed SAIC Garner at the Denver FO. SAIC Garner provided a copy of a one-page SSF 1932, dated March 21, 2005, authored by him to trip file number 402-601-024-0251-05-11 (Attachment 8). The review of SAIC Garner's SSF 1932 provided the following information:

- He stated that on March 22, 2005, ASAIC _____ contacted ASAIC _____ Denver FO, regarding a complaint by protestors that USSS personnel ejected them from the Wings Over the Rockies speech site and that they were assaulted by a USSS SA.
- He said that on March 22, 2005, he was briefed on the incident by ASAIC _____ and SA _____
- He stated that on March 22, 2005, he was contacted by Denver Post reporter _____ related that _____ called the newspaper and told him she and her friends, _____ and _____ were thrown out of the Wings Over the Rockies speech site attended by President Bush and assaulted by a USSS SA.
- He said that he informed _____ that there appears to be no USSS involvement and an investigation will be conducted.

- He said ASAIC interviewed SA who said he overheard a discussion with the event site staff at the main checkpoint. SA said there were no other personnel involved other than staff.
- He stated that he advised Deputy AD (DAD) James F. Tomscheck, Office of Investigations, of the incident.
- He stated that on March 23, 2005, SA interviewed Denver FO,
- He said that on March 23, 2005, SA faxed a statement to the Denver FO (previously described as Attachment 2).
- He said that on March 23, 2005, DAD Dennis H. Lindsay, Office of Investigations, was advised of the situation.
- He stated that on March 24, 2005, DAD Lindsay contacted him and said he should confer with SAIC David C. Mount, Office of the Chief Counsel, USSS. He faxed all related material to DAD Lindsay's office.
- He said that on March 24, 2005, he contacted SAIC Mount and faxed all related material to the Office of the Chief Counsel.
- He stated that on March 25, 2005, DAD Tomscheck advised him to meet with the complainants.

On this same date, SAIC Garner verbally provided the following information about the March 28, 2005, meeting with the complainants and their attorney:

- He said that the meeting was attended by their attorney Daniel N. Recht, SA Assistant to the SAIC (ATSAIC) Denver FO, and himself.
- He stated that the complainants explained the incident. He advised the complainants that it was a local staff person who asked them to leave the event and not a USSS SA.
- He said that the complainants wanted to know the name of the local staff member, which he did not provide.
- He stated that he explained to the complainants and their attorney, the details of how a protection site works. He explained the difference between local and Washington, DC based White House staff and how the lapel pin system operates.
- He said that the complainants were satisfied with his explanation and acknowledged that no person identified themselves as a USSS SA while they were being asked to leave the event site.
- He stated that he never told the complainants that they were asked to leave the event because they had a "No More Blood For Oil" bumper sticker on their vehicle.

On April 21, 2005, Assistant Inspector and I interviewed SA at the Denver FO. He provided the following information:

- He reiterated the information that he previously provided on his SSF 1932.
- He additionally stated that he was present at the March 28, 2005 meeting with the complainants, their attorney, ATSAIC and SAIC Garner and concurred with the information previously outlined by SAIC Garner.
- He said he specifically remembers SAIC Garner asking the complainants if anyone identified themselves as a USSS SA.

- He said that he obtained a one-page memorandum from SA [redacted] Miami FO, dated March 28, 2005 to SAIC - Miami FO and SAIC - Denver FO (Attachment 9). SA [redacted] was posted in the vicinity of the women's restroom. SA [redacted] said that he noticed no incidents involving presidential staff or law enforcement during his assignment.
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On June 9, 2005, I contacted Sgt. [redacted] and asked him if he told the three individuals that they would be arrested if they did not leave the event site. Sgt. [redacted] said that he did not tell the three individuals that they would be arrested if they did not leave the event site. Sgt. [redacted] stated that the three individuals were very cooperative and were simply asking questions as to why they were being asked to leave. Sgt. [redacted] said that after explaining to the three individuals that the staff had asked them to leave, the three individuals simply walked away. I asked Sgt. [redacted] if it were possible that there were four individuals instead of three. Sgt. [redacted] said that it was possible; however, he did not recall if the fourth person was a male or a female.

(B) SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

Title: Impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent

(C) DISPOSITION

Case continued pending presentation to the USAO - District of Colorado.

(D) ATTACHMENTS

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4. Copy of a three-page SSF 1932, dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA to SAIC Garner.
5. Copy of a two-page memorandum, dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA to SAIC - Miami FO and SAIC - Denver FO.
6. Copy of a one-page memorandum, dated March 24, 2005, authored by UD Sgt. to SAIC - PPD.
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8. Copy of a one-page SFF 1932, dated March 21, 2005, authored by SAIC Garner to trip file number 402-601-024-0251-05-11.
9. Copy of a one-page memorandum, dated March 28, 2005, authored by SA to SAIC - Miami FO and SAIC - Denver FO.
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CONTROLLED BY: SAIC Elias K. Avazis
OFFICE: Inspection Division
DATE: 07-07-2005
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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

TO W SAIC Garner		ASAIC	ATSAIC	ATSAIC	DATE	3/23/05
INFORMATION RECORDED BY				SA	FILE	Trip #402-501-024-0251-05-11
SUBJECT Alleged USSS involvement in removal of a MoveOn.org group at POTUS site in Denver, CO on 3/21/05						
CONTACT			OFFICE	Complainant	TELEPHONE NO.	cell -

DETAILS

At no time was the alleged incident reported to the on site ID Team.

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DETAILS (continued)

At the same time I spoke to SA [redacted] who was posted in the north parking lot adjacent to the magnetometer checkpoint. SA [redacted] stated that he observed the three individuals being asked to leave by the staff. He added that the staff identified them as potential protesters and were asked to leave because the event was private. (A full statement from SA [redacted] Miami FO was requested by ASAIC [redacted] Denver FO, on 3/22/05, in a telephone conversation between ASAIC [redacted] and ASAIC [redacted] Miami FO).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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U.S. SECRET SERVICE

DATE: March 23, 2005

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SA

SUBJECT: "Wings Over the Rockies" Event Site

TO: SAIC - Miami Field Office
SAIC - Denver Field Office

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between SA telephone number (305) 863-5000, Miami FO, and SA telephone number (303) 866-1010, Denver FO, on 03/22/05, regarding the visit of the President of the United States to Aurora, CO on 03/21/05.

On 03/21/05, during the visit of the President of the United States, I was working as a relief agent for the post-standers at the "Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum" located at 7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. While relieving the agent assigned to the main magnetometer check point (main guest entrance), I observed a Uniform Division Officer escorting three (3) individuals away from the guest entrance area. I walked over to assist the Uniform Division Officer and was asked by one (1) of the individuals who I was. I identified myself as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service.

Continuing on 03/21/05, the Uniform Division Officer stated the individuals were told to leave by a staff member after gaining entry to the event site. The individuals confirmed this and asked me why they were told to leave. I asked the individuals to see the tickets they used to gain entry to the event. All three (3) individuals produced genuine tickets and again stated they were told to leave by a staff member inside the event site. AS

Continuing on 03/21/05, I requested a staff member to assist myself and the Uniform Division Officer in determining why the three (3) individuals were told to leave the event site.

Another individual exited the building and joined the three (3) individuals described above. The individuals stated they "thought the event was open to both parties" and wanted to know who they could speak to about why they were being told to leave. I stated neither the Uniform Division Officer nor myself have anything to do with who receives or does not receive tickets to the event but at the request of the staff, they were now required to leave the event site.

The Uniform Division Officer told the individuals they must leave the event site or they would be arrested. The four (4) individuals stated they received the tickets from their Congressman. I advised the

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individuals to speak with their Congressman and again informed them they must leave the event site. The four (4) individuals left the secure area of the event site without incident.

Continuing on 03/21/05, I related the information listed above to the site ID agent, SA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum
U. S. Secret Service/UD 806.200

DATE: March 24, 2005
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Sergeant
SUBJECT: Guests removed from a Presidential Event
TO: Special Agent In Charge- Presidential Protective Division
THRU: Deputy Chief - White House Branch
THRU: Deputy Branch Commander - White House Branch
THRU: Captain

On Monday, March 21, 2005 at approximately 1530 hours, and assigned to a Presidential Protective Detail at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Denver Colorado, I was approached by a female staff event representative who was escorting three individuals out of the event. I was standing outside the secure area, just outside of the magnetometers due to the fact that the Governor of Colorado was doing a standup interview with a local reporter. The event staff representative stated to me that they were "no longer welcomed" and asked that they not be permitted re-entry. One male guest who was asked to leave had asked me as to the reason why he had to leave. I explained to him that I did not know what occurred, but that the event staff has the right to deny access to any guest. At this point I was joined by a Special Agent assigned to the post who was there temporarily while the post agent was on break. The male guest had asked "who the agent was". The Special Agent identified himself to the guest and also stated that they must leave. They asked the agent as to why they must leave. He explained that they were asked to leave by the event staff. At this point they exited the event and departed the area.

During the incident described above, the Special Agent and I maintained all levels of professionalism and courtesy.

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Sergeant
White House Branch

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
GSA
(REV. 1-94)
NSN 7540-00-656-0924
FPI-SST

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

TO		DATE
FILE		3/21/05
INFORMATION RECORDED BY		FILE
SAIC-Denver Field Office		TRIP#402-601-024-0251-05-11
SUBJECT		
COMPLAINT - USSS REMOVING PROTESTERS FROM PPD SITE-WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES		
CONTACT	OFFICE	TELEPHONE NO.

DETAILS

3/22/05 SA [redacted] CONTACTED ASAIC [redacted] OF A COMPLAINT BY PROTESTERS THAT USSS EJECTED THEM FROM THE WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES -SPEECH SITE AND THEY WERE ASSAULTED BY A USSS AGENT. ASAIC FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE COMPLAINTANT REQUESTED USSS ID BUT THE PERSON REFUSED.

3/22/05 BRIEFED BY A ASAIC [redacted] & SA [redacted]

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3/24/05 CONTACTED CHIEF COUNSEL OFC-SAIC DAVE MOUNT AND ADVISED/FAXED ALL INFO.

3/25/05 DAD TOMSHECK ADVISED TO MEET W/COMPLAINANTS

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memorandum

U.S. Secret Service

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DATE: March 28, 2005
REPLY TO SA
ATTN OF:
SUBJECT: Post Standing Assignment in Aurora, CO
TO: SAIC - Miami
SAIC - Denver

This memorandum is my recollection of the visit by the President of the United States, George W. Bush to Wings Over the Rockies Museum on March 21, 2005.

At approximately 11:30am on March 21, 2005, I assumed my post-standing duties at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. My duties were to ensure only properly credentialed individuals entered the building from the door I was posted in front of, or properly credentialed individuals escorted news media personnel to the respective work areas (all non-credentialed personnel were screened with a hand-held metal detector, by me or Uniform Officers of the U.S. Secret Service). In addition, I was also responsible for ensuring that the public did not gain access to restricted news media work areas.

I performed my duties as required and there are no incidents to report. At no time, did I see any security violation, or breach. At no time, did I see any issues or incidents occur between the public, media personnel, presidential staff or law enforcement.

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U. S. Secret Service



Telephone: 303/866-1010

FAX:

To: SAIC Liaison Date: 4/29/05

From: SAIC Lon Garner - Denver Pages to follow:

Subject: Wings over the Rockies Event

Message:

Reply Requested: YES NO

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April 20, 2005

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The Honorable Robert Beauprez &
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Washington, DC 20515

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APR 27 11:10 AM '05
COLORADO
SECRET SERVICE

Ms. Latita Huff
U.S. Secret Service Disclosure Officer
245 Murray Drive, Building 410
Washington, DC 20223

Re: March 21, 2005, appearance of the President at the Wings Over The Rockies
Air And Space Museum, and clients; and letter forwarding
authorizations and further request for information.

Dear Mr. President, Representative Beauprez, Director Garner, Chairman Martinez, sirs and
madames:

As you know from my letter of April 8th, I am one of the attorneys representing
and I have been requested to send on to you an authorization
signed by my clients allowing you to release to myself and/or co-counsel, Dan Recht, the
information requested. I have had our clients execute several originals and am passing one along
to each of you to answer any concerns you may have about the issue of proper authorization.

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Letter to the President, *et al.*

April 20, 2005

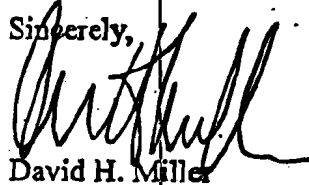
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Further, if it has not already been made clear, to the extent you and/or any of your agents or employees, or anyone acting under your direction, has any information about the identity of the person or group of people that had anything to do with the identification, surveillance and/or ejection of our clients from the above-mentioned event, I would ask that such information also be included within your response to my earlier letter.

Again, please treat this letter as a request under the Freedom Of Information Act and/or the Colorado Open Records Act—as applicable—but also simply as a request for information you may have access to, made to you from members of the public whose constitutional and civil rights of participating in their country's political process were abridged. I hope you share their concern, and have an interest in getting the facts out about this matter.

I also hope for your cooperation, and would appreciate your prompt attention to this request within the timelines set out by the referenced laws, as well as by common courtesy. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



David H. Miller

DHM/iti

cc: clients and counsel

encl: notarized authorization

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION
BY

To whom it may concern:

Please take notice that by my signature below I am authorizing you to release any and all information concerning me and/or my interests to the law firms of King & Greisen, LLP, 1670 York St., Denver, CO 80202, and specifically to David H. Miller, Esq., from that firm, as well as to the law firm of Recht & Kornfeld, LLP, 1600 Stout St., Suite 1000, Denver, CO 80202, and specifically to Dan Recht, Esq., from that firm.

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Dated: April 20, 2005

City and County of Denver)
) s.s.
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NOTARIZATION

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of April, 2005, by
who personally appeared before me and executed the within document.



[Handwritten Signature]

 Notary Public

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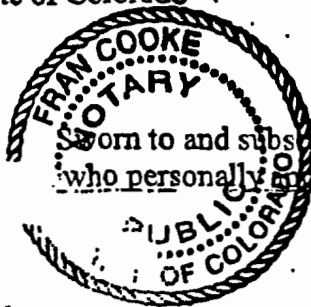
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Telephone: 303/866-1010

FAX:

To: SAIC Dave Mount

Date: April 22, 2005

From: SAIC Lon R. Garner

Pages to follow: 5

Subject: Wings Over the Rockies Event

Message:

Letter from King & Greisen, LLP Attorneys at Law

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Lon Gardner
Director, Regional Office
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1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 1430
Denver, CO 80202

Re: March 21, 2005, appearance of the President at the Wings Over The Rockies
Air And Space Museum, and clients and [redacted]; Preservation letter
and Freedom Of Information Act and Colorado Public Records Act request

Dear Mr. President, Representative Beauprez, Director Gardner, Chairman Martinez, sirs and
madame:

This law office, along with the Denver law office of Recht & Kornfeld, P.C., represents
and three individuals who were
physically ejected from the March 21, 2005, Denver "Town Hall" meeting concerning Social
Security conducted by the White House and the President of the United States at the Wings Over
The Rockies Air And Space Museum. On behalf of our clients I am asking that all information,
documents, and recordings of any and every kind having anything to do with the identification,
surveillance and/or ejection of our above-named clients from that event be retained and disclosed
to us. I would ask that you immediately pass this preservation-of-evidence and request for
disclosure letter along to the proper person(s) in your office and/or organization, if you are not
the person who has control and/or full knowledge about such materials.

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4/11/05

Letter to the President, *et al.*
April 8, 2005
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Further, it has been reported in the public press, and specifically acknowledged by Director Garner, that some or all of you and/or your agents or employees have knowledge about the person or persons who were involved in actual the identification, surveillance and/or ejection of our clients from the above-mentioned event. This letter is also addressed to such person or persons, and you are requested to immediately forward this letter to them.

Finally, if not already clear, please treat this letter as a request under the Freedom Of Information Act and/or the Colorado Open Records Act— as applicable—requesting any and all disclosable documents and/or information of any and every kind relating to the identification, surveillance and/or ejection of our above-identified clients from the event.

Your prompt attention to this matter within the timelines set out by the referenced laws is appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David H. Miller
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Date: April 22, 2005

From: SAIC Lon R. Garner

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Letter from King & Greisen, LLP Attorneys at Law

Reply Requested: YES NO

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

SAIC Lon R. Garner		DATE	4/12/05
INFORMATION RECORDED BY	ASAIC	FILE	402-165.050
SUBJECT POTUS Visit to Wings Over the Rockies Museum Incident			
CONTACT	SAIC Dave Mount	OFFICE	Office of Chief Counsel
		TELEPHONE NO.	

DETAILS

On 04/11/05, correspondence was received in the Denver Field Office (FO) from King and Grelsen, LLP, Attorneys at Law, dated 04/08/05. The law office is representing clients, and reference the alleged incident of their claimed removal from the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, on 03/21/05, prior to a visit of President George W. Bush. The correspondence requested any information available under the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Colorado Open Records Act.

On this same date, I contacted Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) Dave Mount, Office of Chief Counsel, 202/406-5771. I left a voice mail message informing SAIC Mount of the received aforementioned correspondence, and informed him I would forward it to him via facsimile on this same date.

On this same date, the aforementioned correspondence was forwarded to SAIC Mount via facsimile, telephone number

On 04/12/05, I was contacted by SAIC Mount. SAIC Mount confirmed the receipt of the correspondence, and informed me it was given directly to the Chief Counsel, who is handling this matter. SAIC Mount stated that no further action was required by the Denver FO at this time.

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MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

TO	FILE	DATE	3/21/05
INFORMATION RECORDED BY	SAIC-Denver Field Office	FILE	TRIP#402-601-024-0251-05-11
SUBJECT	COMPLAINT - USSS REMOVING PROTESTERS FROM PPD SITE WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES		
CONTACT	OFFICE	TELEPHONE NO.	

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Telephone: 303/866-1010

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To: SAIC Dave Mount

Date: March 24, 2005

From: SAIC Lon R. Garner

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Subject: Wings Over the Rockies Event Site

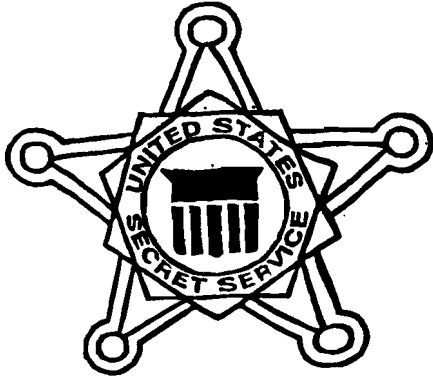
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Telephone: 303/866-1010

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DAD Lindsey - Office of Investigations

Date: **March 24, 2005**

From: **SAIC Lon R. Garner**

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Subject: **Wings Over the Rockies Event Site**

Message:

Reply Requested: YES NO

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TO	SAIC Gamer	ASAIC	ATSAIC	ATSAIC	DATE	3/23/05
INFORMATION RECORDED BY	SA			FILE	Trip #402-601-024-0251-05-11	
SUBJECT	Alleged USSS involvement in removal of a Move On.org group at POTUS site in Denver, CO on 3/21/05					
CONTACT	OFFICE			TELEPHONE NO.		
	Complainant			cell -		
DETAILS						

At no time was the alleged incident reported to the on site ID Team. The ID Team was comprised of myself, Detective and Detective , both from the Denver PD's Intelligence Division. We were informed by the White House staff after the three individuals had been asked to leave and departed the site. The staff informed me that the three individuals departed the magnetometer area without incident or protest.

DETAILS (continued)

At the same time I spoke to SA [redacted] who was posted in the north parking lot adjacent to the magnetometer checkpoint. SA [redacted] stated that he observed the three individuals being asked to leave by the staff. He added that the staff identified them as potential protesters and were asked to leave because the event was private. (A full statement from SA [redacted] Miami FO was requested by ASAIC [redacted] Denver FO, on 3/22/06, in a telephone conversation between ASAIC [redacted] and ASAIC [redacted] Miami FO).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**memorandum**

U.S. Secret Service/UD 806.200

DATE: March 24, 2005

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Sergeant

SUBJECT: Guests removed from a Presidential Event

TO: Special Agent In Charge- Presidential Protective Division

THRU: Deputy Chief - White House Branch

THRU: Deputy Branch Commander - White House Branch

THRU: Captain

On Monday, March 21, 2005 at approximately 1530 hours, and assigned to a Presidential Protective Detail at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Denver Colorado, I was approached by a female staff event representative who was escorting three individuals out of the event. I was standing outside the secure area, just outside of the magnetometers due to the fact that the Governor of Colorado was doing a standup interview with a local reporter. The event staff representative stated to me that they were "no longer welcomed" and asked that they not be permitted re-entry. One male guest who was asked to leave had asked me as to the reason why he had to leave. I explained to him that I did not know what occurred, but that the event staff has the right to deny access to any guest. At this point I was joined by a Special Agent assigned to the post who was there temporarily while the post agent was on break. The male guest had asked "who the agent was". The Special Agent identified himself to the guest and also stated that they must leave. They asked the agent as to why they must leave. He explained that they were asked to leave by the event staff. At this point they exited the event and departed the area.

During the incident described above, the Special Agent and I maintained all levels of professionalism and courtesy.

Sergeant
White House Branch

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2005 APR 18 11:21

DENVER, COLORADO

April 15, 2005

David H. Miller, Esq.
King & Greisen, LLP
1670 York Street
Denver, CO 80206

Re: Correspondence Dated April 8, 2005

Dear Mr. Miller:

Aviation & Space Center of the Rockies ("ASCOR") has retained Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. to represent it in connection with your request for documents and/or information in your letter dated April 8, 2005, concerning the recent visit of President Bush to the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum (the "Museum"). Your letter requests ASCOR and others to preserve and disclose to you all information, documents and recordings regarding the alleged "identification, surveillance and/or ejection" of your clients from the Museum on March 21, 2005, the day of President's Bush's visit. Your letter also requests to inspect such items under the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Colorado Open Records Act.

Please be advised that ASCOR will preserve all information, documents and recordings it may have that relate to your request. ASCOR, on the other hand, declines your request to inspect its books and records. ASCOR, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, is not subject to the disclosure and inspection requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and/or the Colorado Open Records Act. Therefore, ASCOR is under no obligation to make its private books and records available to you at this time.

You may contact me at (303) 634-2089 if you have any further questions regarding the foregoing.

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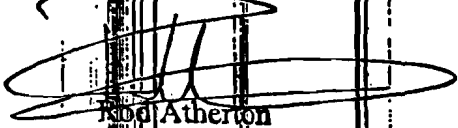
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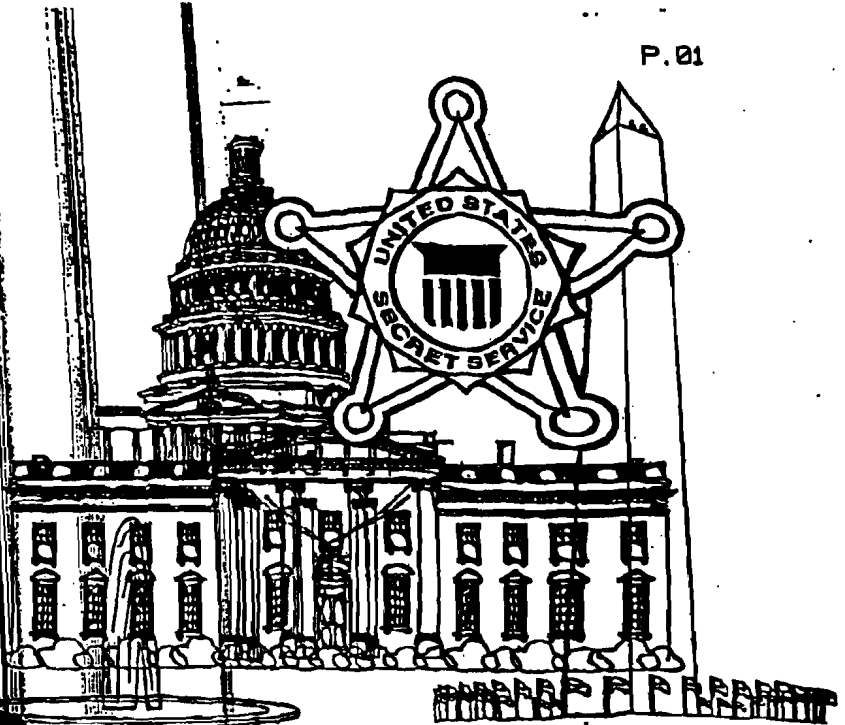
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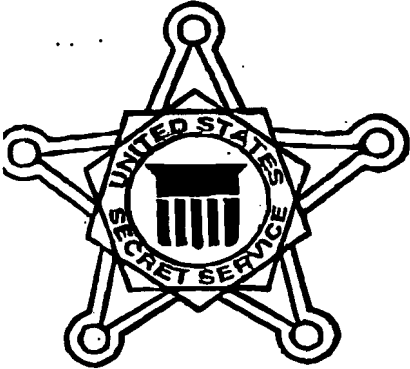
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DENVER POTUS
VISIT ON 3/21/05

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Alleged USSS involvement in removal of a MoveOn.org group at POTUS site in Denver, CO on 3/21/05			
CONTACT	OFFICE	TELEPHONE NO.	
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DETAILS

At no time was the alleged incident reported to the on site ID Team. The ID Team was comprised of myself, Detective and Detective both from the Denver PD's Intelligence Division. We were informed by the White House staff after the three individuals had been asked to leave and departed the site. The staff informed me that the three individuals departed the magnetometer area without incident or protest.

DETAILS (continued)

At the same time I spoke to SA [redacted], who was posted in the north parking lot adjacent to the magnetometer checkpoint. SA [redacted] stated that he observed the three individuals being asked to leave by the staff. He added that the staff identified them as potential protesters and were asked to leave because the event was private. (A full statement from SA [redacted] Miami FO was requested by ASAIC [redacted] Denver FO, on 3/22/05, in a telephone conversation between ASAIC [redacted] and ASAIC [redacted] Miami FO).

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U.S. SECRET SERVICE

DATE: March 23, 2005

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SA

SUBJECT: "Wings Over the Rockies" Event Site

TO: SAIC - Miami Field Office
SAIC - Denver Field Office

Reference is made to the telephone conversation between SA telephone number (305) 863-5000, Miami FO, and SA telephone number (303) 866-1010, Denver FO, on 03/22/05, regarding the visit of the President of the United States to Aurora, CO on 03/21/05.

On 03/21/05, during the visit of the President of the United States, I was working as a relief agent for the post-standers at the "Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum" located at 7711 East Academy Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. While relieving the agent assigned to the main magnetometer check point (main guest entrance), I observed a Uniform Division Officer escorting three (3) individuals away from the guest entrance area. I walked over to assist the Uniform Division Officer and was asked by one (1) of the individuals who I was. I identified myself as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service.

Continuing on 03/21/05, the Uniform Division Officer stated the individuals were told to leave by a staff member after gaining entry to the event site. The individuals confirmed this and asked me why they were told to leave. I asked the individuals to see the tickets they used to gain entry to the event. All three (3) individuals produced genuine tickets and again stated they were told to leave by a staff member inside the event site.

Continuing on 03/21/05, I requested a staff member to assist myself and the Uniform Division Officer in determining why the three (3) individuals were told to leave the event site.

Another individual exited the building and joined the three (3) individuals described above. The individuals stated they "thought the event was open to both parties" and wanted to know who they could speak to about why they were being told to leave. I stated neither the Uniform Division Officer nor myself have anything to do with who receives or does not receive tickets to the event but at the request of the staff, they were now required to leave the event site.

The Uniform Division Officer told the individuals they must leave the event site or they would be arrested. The four (4) individuals stated they received the tickets from their Congressman. I advised the

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individuals to speak with their Congressman and again informed them they must leave the event site. The four (4) individuals left the secure area of the event site without incident.

Continuing on 03/21/05, I related the information listed above to the site ID agent, SA

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U.S. Secret Service/UD 806.200

DATE: March 24, 2005

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Sergeant

SUBJECT: Guests removed from a Presidential Event

TO: Special Agent In Charge- Presidential Protective Division
THRU: Deputy Chief - White House Branch
THRU: Deputy Branch Commander - White House Branch
THRU: Captain

On Monday, March 21, 2005 at approximately 1530 hours, and assigned to a Presidential Protective Detail at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Denver Colorado, I was approached by a female staff event representative who was escorting three individuals out of the event. I was standing outside the secure area, just outside of the magnetometers due to the fact that the Governor of Colorado was doing a standup interview with a local reporter. The event staff representative stated to me that they were "no longer welcomed" and asked that they not be permitted re-entry. One male guest who was asked to leave had asked me as to the reason why he had to leave. I explained to him that I did not know what occurred, but that the event staff has the right to deny access to any guest. At this point I was joined by a Special Agent assigned to the post who was there temporarily while the post agent was on break. The male guest had asked "who the agent was". The Special Agent identified himself to the guest and also stated that they must leave. They asked the agent as to why they must leave. He explained that they were asked to leave by the event staff. At this point they exited the event and departed the area.

During the incident described above, the Special Agent and I maintained all levels of professionalism and courtesy.

Sergeant
White House Branch



JIM SPENCER
Denver Post Staff Columnist

Free speech checked at the door

The man near the entrance of George Bush's nonpolitical, taxpayer-financed "town hall" meeting Monday stopped Karen Bauer and Leslie Weise. He directed the two Denver women toward a man in a smiley-face tie.

"You've been ID'd," the second man told them.

Bauer and Weise were amazed. Hidden under their business suits, the members of the group Denver Progressives wore T-shirts that said "Stop the Lies."

Along with another Denver Progressives member, Alex Young, they planned to expose the T-shirts as the president talked about Social Security.

They reconsidered when smiley-face tie guy said the Secret Service was coming to speak to them.

Soon, a stocky man with a shaved head, an earpiece and a red lapel pin arrived. He never identified himself as a Secret Service agent, but he did have a message.

"He said we were allowed to go in, but if we caused any problems, we'd be taken to jail," said Bauer, a 38-year-old marketing coordinator.

Bauer and Weise will meet today with Secret Service officials to discuss their removal from the Bush meeting.

"Freedom of speech, general assembly, they're all guaranteed under the Constitution," said Lon Garner, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Denver district. "We are not an enforcement arm to the president other than security."

Garner said his agents don't remove people from presidential gatherings unless they break the law. The Republican staff, on the other hand, may ask people to leave, Garner said. And like the Secret Service, they also wear lapel pins and earpieces.

Garner said he understood that Republicans had two names on a "list."

The GOP operatives actually targeted three people who might turn the president's carefully contrived "town hall" meeting into real democracy.

More than an hour before the president arrived, Bauer, Weise and Young were ordered to leave the Wings Over the Rockies Museum.

The stocky guy "grabbed me by the arm and spun me around," Bauer said.

"We kept asking, 'Why is this happening?'" Young said. "The guy said, 'If the staff asks you to leave, you have to leave. This is a private event.'"

It wasn't Bush's Denver appearance probably cost taxpayers tens of thousands in jet fuel, room rent and personnel.

"This was an official White House event and not a political event," Colorado GOP executive director David Wardrop explained.

Anyone with tickets could have attended, added assistant presidential press secretary Allen Ahney.

"The White House welcomes people exercising the right to free speech," he said.

The facts beg to differ. Bauer, Weise and Young had tickets. None acted up.

On Tuesday, Weise said a Secret Service spokesman told her that Republicans who asked to have her ejected from the supposedly nonpolitical event described her, Bauer and Young as "protest-type people" who were part of the "No Blood for Oil" group.

Weise, a 39-year-old lawyer, is not sure such a group exists. She does, however, have a bumper sticker on her car containing those words.

If that's what it's come down to in America, if a bumper sticker allows the Republican Party to bully you out of seeing the president of the United States, then George Bush and his GOP henchmen are living a lie.

The president constantly claims freedom as God's gift to everyone.

"We shouldn't be surprised when people are willing to take risks for freedom," Bush told GOP cheerleaders allowed to hear him speak in Denver.

"Free societies are peaceful societies. Free societies are hopeful societies. Free societies are the best way to defeat the dark vision of the terrorists."

They sure are, Mr. President.

But societies that smother dissent are never free.

Jim Spencer's column appears Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He can be reached at 303-820-1771 or jspencer@denverpost.com.

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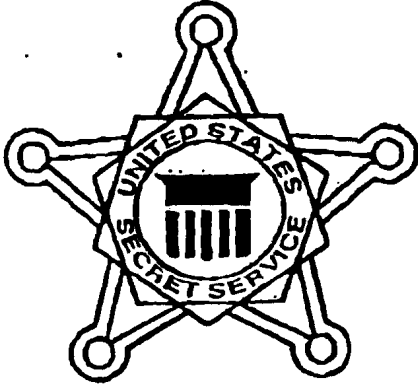
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DATE: March 28, 2005
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SA
SUBJECT: Post Standing Assignment in Aurora, CO
TO: SAIC - Miami
SAIC - Denver

U.S. Secret Service

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This memorandum is my recollection of the visit by the President of the United States, George W. Bush to Wings Over the Rockies Museum on March 21, 2005.

At approximately 11:30am on March 21, 2005, I assumed my post-standing duties at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum. My duties were to ensure only properly credentialed individuals entered the building from the door I was posted in front of, or properly credentialed individuals escorted news media personnel to the respective work areas (all non-credentialed personnel were screened with a hand-held metal detector, by me or Uniform Officers of the U.S. Secret Service). In addition, I was also responsible for ensuring that the public did not gain access to restricted news media work areas.

I performed my duties as required and there are no incidents to report. At no time, did I see any security violation, or breach. At no time, did I see any issues or incidents occur between the public, media personnel, presidential staff or law enforcement.

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HEADLINE: DAN RECHT HOLDS A NEWS TELECONFERENCE ON THE REQUEST FOR A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION BY THREE PEOPLE REMOVED FROM A PRESIDENTIAL EVENT

SPEAKER:
DAN RECHT

BODY:

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MARCH 30, 2005

SPEAKER: DAN RECHT, ATTORNEY

QUESTION: ... cooperation, either from the Republican Party, or the **Secret Service** or whomever, they probably wouldn't be suing them. Is that right, or...

RECHT: That's absolutely right. You'll see -- in the letter, we're simply asking for an answer.

So depending on what those answers are, I don't know, we might even file a lawsuit. But we wouldn't be sending this letter, that's for sure.

This letter is saying it's not right; we have a right to get answers to these questions and nobody has answered them.

QUESTION: Has anyone ever identified themselves with names from the **Secret Service** or identified who they were with?

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**HEADLINE: MR. PRESIDENT: LET DISSIDENTERS SPEAK;
SOCIAL SECURITY FORUMS TOO SCRIPTED**

BODY:

Last week an unidentified Republican operative who may or may not have passed himself off as a Secret Service agent bounced three ticketed guests from President Bush's Social Security rally in Denver. He also threatened them with arrest if they misbehaved.

If these expulsions weren't illegal they were certainly a public relations disaster. Given the slackening of support, the president needs all the help he can get in selling his plan to reform Social Security.

The trio's only "crime" was to have arrived in a car bearing an anti-war bumper sticker: "No more blood for oil." They have since admitted they were wearing T-shirts under their clothes which read "Stop the lies," but the shirts were never exposed to the air. Even if they had been, it would have been well within the bounds of free speech.

There was no harm and no foul. But the three were expelled anyway. They've threatened a lawsuit and asked the U.S. attorney general to investigate.

Apparently the president's handlers forgot that the 2004 election campaign is over. This wasn't a privately financed event, which you can run any way you want, but one paid for by taxpayers.

Rep. Bob Beauprez, whose office distributed the tickets, has expressed regret. But that's not enough. The president should welcome, not resist, efforts to debate his Social Security reforms, which we have in fact endorsed several times.

Instead he jets from city to city holding tightly controlled "town hall meetings," preaching to a choir of carefully screened supporters. If they speak at all, they ask only softball questions. These non-events are treated accordingly by the media and the public. By no coincidence, polls show that support for the president's reform blueprint is flagging.

If the president is to sell private Social Security accounts to the people and the Congress, he needs real flint-on-steel debate.

We regret the U.S. has no equivalent of "Question Time," a weekly half-hour in the British Parliament when Prime Minister Tony Blair has to answer usually hostile questions from

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HEADLINE: Secret Service investigating removal of three from Bush visit

BYLINE: By P. SOLOMON BANDA, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: DENVER

BODY:

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Recht said the T-shirts did not play a role in the group's removal.

"They hadn't done anything wrong. They weren't dressed inappropriately, they didn't say anything inappropriate," Recht said. "They were kicked out of this venue and not allowed to hear what the president had to say based solely on this political bumper sticker.

"The very essence of the First Amendment is that you can't be punished for the speech you make, the statements you make," Recht said.

Several high profile groups, including the older citizens' lobby AARP, oppose changes to Social Security that would privatize the country's retirement safety net.

President Bush has visited at least 17 states since the State of the Union to gain support for his plan, meeting with people who are generally supportive.

Some people who have stood up to disrupt Bush while he was talking have been removed. But a group called Americans United to Protect Social Security said there have been at least two additional instances where people who have done nothing wrong have been removed or barred from a Bush event beforehand.

One instance happened in February in Fargo North Dakota, where a "black list" of people banned from getting tickets was obtained and published by the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead. The White House and the Republican Party denied such a list existed and Gov. John Hoeven's staff said nobody was denied tickets.

Brad Woodhouse, a spokesman for Americans United, called the Denver example the most egregious violation.

"They're screening the people who are allowed to come and then they're profiling them in the parking lot," he said. "It's quite extraordinary, and disappointing."

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BYLINE: By Ron Hutcheson

BODY:

WASHINGTON _ Some of President Bush's supporters seem to be going overboard in their efforts to stifle dissent when he comes to town to talk about changing Social Security.

In Denver, three people say they were booted out of a presidential event last week even though they never uttered a peep, apparently because their car bore a bumper sticker denouncing the war in Iraq.

In Fargo, N.D., last month, local Republicans developed a blacklist of more than three dozen residents, including a city commissioner, who were to be banned from Bush's visit.

White House officials say they have nothing to do with the exclusions, which they blame on overzealous supporters.

"We welcome a diversity of views at the events," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday, although in fact participants at the events are carefully screened and dissenting voices are rare.

There was no welcome mat for Alex Young and his two companions when they showed up to see Bush on March 21 in Denver. Bush was there for one of a series of "conversations" about his plan to change Social Security.

Young and his friends, Karen Bauer and Leslie Weise, had barely gotten in the door before they were unceremoniously shown the exit by a man who refused to explain his actions. They thought he was a **Secret Service** agent because he had an earpiece and an official-looking lapel pin.

Young said he was later told by **Secret Service** officials that he and his friends had been ejected by a local Republican volunteer who'd been spurred to action by the bumper sticker on their car: "No More Blood for Oil."

"The thing that set them off was the bumper sticker," Young said in a telephone interview. "It was completely unprovoked. ... The whole time he was really pushing and shoving me. We were never told that only Republicans were invited."

Complaints about tight restrictions at Bush's events have become common. His presidential

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campaign used tight crowd-control screens last fall, and similar tactics now seem to be employed at official presidential stops, which unlike campaign events are paid for by taxpayers' dollars.

During Bush's Feb. 3 visit to Fargo, the local newspaper published a list of about 40 local residents who were supposed to be barred from the White House-sponsored event. City Commissioner Linda Coates, a Democrat, was on the list, along with her husband, Mike, but she got in anyway.

In a follow-up letter to the Fargo Forum newspaper, she called the attempted exclusion "one of those small dumb things" that is a symptom of a larger problem.

"It was jarring to realize that someone, somewhere, thought that making this list was the right thing to do. Sadly, the climate of keeping voices of disagreement at bay has become a well-known characteristic of this administration," she wrote.

In Denver, Young, a 25-year-old information-technology worker, acknowledges that he and his friends had initially intended to protest Bush's appearance. All wore "Stop the Lies" T-shirts under their outer clothing. They had planned to expose their shirts while shouting the slogan.

"It was kind of juvenile. When we got inside, we decided not to do that," he said.

Young said the man who ejected him had no way of knowing about the aborted protest because they kept their opinions to themselves during their brief time at the event. They got tickets to Bush's appearance through Rep. Bob Beauprez, R-Colo., who handed them out without asking about party affiliation.

Still unclear is precisely who was behind the decision to eject the three people. Colorado Republican Party officials, the Secret Service and a spokesman for Beauprez all said they had nothing to do with it.

White House spokesman McClellan said: "My sense is that the volunteer felt that these individuals were coming to the event to disrupt it. If people are coming to the event to disrupt it, naturally they are going to be asked to leave."

But Dan Recht, a Denver lawyer says he's considering legal action on behalf of the ejected critics for what he sees as a violation of their free-speech rights. "They were punished for the speech that was on their bumper sticker," Recht said. "It just feels so un-American."

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Removal From Bush Rally Prompts Investigation

• Secret Service Seeks Culprit Who Booted Three

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"They hadn't done anything wrong. They weren't dressed inappropriately, they didn't say anything

inappropriate," Recht said. "They were kicked out of this venue and not allowed to hear what the president had to say based solely on this political bumper sticker.

"The very essence of the First Amendment is that you can't be punished for the speech you make, the statements you make," Recht said.

Several high profile groups, including the older citizens' lobby AARP, oppose changes to Social Security that would privatize the country's retirement safety net.

President Bush has visited at least 17 states since the State of the Union to gain support for his plan, meeting with people who are generally supportive.

Some people who have stood up to disrupt Bush while he was talking have been removed. But a group called Americans United to Protect Social Security said there have been at least two additional instances where people who have done nothing wrong have been removed or barred from a Bush event beforehand.

One instance happened in February in Fargo North Dakota, where a "black list" of people banned from getting tickets was obtained and published by the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead. The White House and the Republican Party denied such a list existed and Gov. John Hoeven's staff said nobody was denied tickets.

Brad Woodhouse, a spokesman for Americans United, called the Denver example the most egregious violation.

"They're screening the people who are allowed to come and then they're profiling them in the parking lot," he said. "It's quite extraordinary, and disappointing."

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Bush-event ouster spurs probe

3 attendees were ejected from Social Security forum, but by whom?

By Susan Greene
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The U.S. Secret Service is investigating the complaints of three people who say they were ousted from President Bush's event in Denver last week because their bumper sticker criticized his foreign policy.

Denverites Alex Young, 25, an Internet technology worker; Karen Bauer, 38, a marketing coordinator; and Leslie Weise, 39, a lawyer, had tickets to Bush's March 21 town-hall-style meeting about Social Security reform at Denver's Wings Over the Rockies museum.

The three said they had passed through security and were preparing to take their seats in the crowd of Republican boosters when a man they thought was a Secret Service agent forced them to leave, citing a "No More Blood for Oil" bumper sticker on the car they drove to the event.

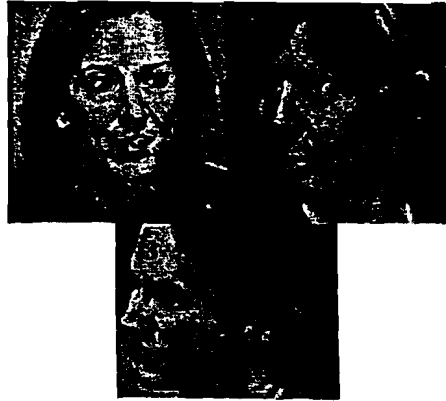
"What happened is unconstitutional, a clear violation of the First Amendment and downright un-American. It just is outrageous that they be precluded from hearing their president speak because of a brief political statement on a bumper sticker," said their attorney, Dan Recht, adding that his clients had no plans to protest that day.

They obtained their tickets to Bush's event through the office of Rep. Bob Beauprez, who supports Bush's plan for private Social Security accounts.

Young, like Bauer and Weise, is a member of the Denver Progressives, a political activist group. He told The Associated Press the three had T-shirts underneath their business attire that read, "Stop the Lies," and they had talked about exposing them during Bush's visit. He said they had scrapped the plan by the time they arrived.

Young said event officials told them the next day they were identified as belonging to the "No Blood for Oil" group. The three say they belong to no such group despite the bumper sticker.

The Secret Service said Tuesday that it wasn't one of its agents who kicked the three out of the event. Rather, agency spokesman Tom Mazur said, it was a "staff person for the event sponsor."



Photos / John Epperson

From left, Leslie Weise, Karen Bauer and Alex Young had tickets to President Bush's meeting on Social Security reform but say a man they thought was with the Secret Service forced them to leave.

"At an event like this, people can be mistaken for Secret Service agents," Mazur said. "We'll be looking into this matter."

The White House did not answer an inquiry Tuesday about whether the Denver appearance was a public, tax-funded event or a private affair paid for by the Republican Party or a donor committee.

But White House spokesman Scott McClellan did address questions about the incident at a White House briefing. Although he didn't know the details of the Colorado incident, he surmised it may have been an overzealous volunteer.

Last summer, members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force interviewed Denver activists about plans to protest at the Republican National Convention. Most of them said they had no intention of attending it.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Three Were Told to Leave Bush Town Meeting

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Three Denver residents yesterday charged that they were forcibly removed from one of President Bush's town meetings on Social Security because they displayed a bumper sticker on their car condemning the administration's Middle East policies.

The three, all self-described progressives who oppose Bush's Social Security plan, said an unidentified official at an event in Denver last week forced them to leave before the president started to speak, even though they had done nothing disruptive, said their attorney, Dan Recht.

Initially, the three believed Secret Service agents had grabbed them and ushered them out of the auditorium, Recht said. But he said that Lon Garner, the Secret Service agent in charge of the Denver office, told them the service investigated the matter and found it was a "Republican staffer" who removed them because they had a "No More Blood for Oil" bumper sticker on their car.

Garner said yesterday that he was told by headquarters not to comment on the matter, and referred calls to Washington.

Jim Mackin, a spokesman for the Secret Service here, said he could not discuss the allegations that a Republican staff member was involved. "We will continue to look into it," he said. Mackin said a preliminary inquiry found that the Secret Service was not involved in the incident, which was first reported by the Associated Press.

Scott McClellan, Bush's press secretary, said it was a volunteer who asked them to leave "out of concern they might try to disrupt the event." He said the White House welcomes a variety of voices into events but discourages people from coming to heckle the president or disrupt town hall forums. "If someone is coming to try to disrupt it, then obviously that person would be asked to leave," he said. "There is plenty of opportunity outside of the event to express their views."

This is not the first time people have complained about heavy-handed monitoring of who can attend -- and speak at -- Bush's events promoting his Social Security plan. A newspaper in Fargo, N.D., reported that when Bush came to the city on Feb. 3, more than 40 residents were barred from attending the event.

The president has held Social Security rallies in more than a dozen states this year. The crowds are closely monitored for possible disruptions, and protesters are quickly escorted away.

Protesters often stand out because the crowds are packed with Bush supporters, who have been invited by a local GOP House member or organization. Those onstage at most of the town hall meetings are carefully screened people from the area who agree with the president's Social

Security proposal. The participants typically rehearse what they will say with members of the president's advance team and rarely, if ever, say anything critical about his plan for private accounts.

In this case, Alex Young, 25; Karen Bauer, 38; and Leslie Weise, 39, said they were forced out even though they said nothing and did not sport T-shirts or signs criticizing the president or his policies. Young told the Associated Press that the three wore T-shirts under their business attire that read "Stop the Lies" and had discussed exposing them during Bush's visit, but decided not to. Recht, who is representing the three pro bono, said his clients consider themselves progressives.

The three were invited to the event by Rep. Bob Beauprez (R-Colo.). Jordan Stoick, spokesman for Beauprez, said the congressman's office distributed the tickets at the behest of the White House to constituents, including many Democrats. He said Beauprez is "definitely" concerned about the charges but is declining to comment on whether he believes them to be true. "He strongly supports free speech," Stoick said.

As described by Recht, a man in a blue suit told the three they had to leave and "in a physical, forcible way" escorted them out, refusing to explain why. Mackin said local law enforcement is in charge of policing civil disobedience at such events, although the Bush advance team is often seen asking disruptive people to leave.

"They believe their constitutional rights were violated, as do I, and that's the stuff lawsuits are made of," Recht said. "When you are punished by not being allowed to listen to your president speak because of speech you have on your bumper sticker, that is a classic First Amendment issue." Recht said he has not decided whether to file a lawsuit.

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**HEADLINE: GOP AIDE OUSTED 3;
AT BUSH SPEECH, THEY WERE TOLD MAN WAS WITH SECRET SERVICE**

BYLINE: Ann Imse, Rocky Mountain News

BODY:

A Republican Party staffer dressed like a **Secret Service** agent forcibly removed three people from President Bush's speech in Denver last week after they arrived in a car with a "No more blood for oil" bumper sticker.

The man's identity as a Republican staffer was confirmed to the Rocky Mountain News on Tuesday by Denver **Secret Service** agent in charge Lon Garner, who investigated the incident. He declined to identify the man.

The three people said the man wore a lapel pin and an earpiece, and they were told he was with the **Secret Service**. And they and their attorney quoted agent Garner as saying the staffer admitted forcing them out solely due to the bumper sticker.

"I think this is appalling," said Alex Young, one of the three people evicted from the White House-sponsored event at the Wings over the Rockies museum, even though they had done nothing.

"In my mind, it's a clear First Amendment violation. They are being punished for the speech on their bumper sticker," said Dan Recht, an attorney representing Young, 25, Leslie Weise, 39, and Karen Bauer, 38.

White House spokesman Allen Abney said White House policy is: "If they come to an event to disrupt an event, they will be asked to leave."

He declined to say what action would get a person removed from a presidential appearance. He said there are places outside for protesters, adding "the president strongly believes in freedom of speech."

"These people are trying to distract from the real issue here, the president trying to

talk to the American people about Social Security," Abney added.

Weise, an attorney, said she and her companions are members of a political group called the Denver Progressives. She said they never intended to be disruptive, get thrown out or arrested.

"I have never seen a president in person," Weise said. "For me, it was kind of exciting to be involved in a historic, presidential event. I did want to hear what the president has to say about Social Security."

The three obtained tickets to the president's speech from Congressman Bob Beauprez's office. They were dressed in business or other normal attire, though each also wore a T-shirt underneath with the slogan "Stop the Lies." They discussed showing off the slogan but decided against it.

Shortly after they found seats, they were hustled out by a man who had been identified to them as **Secret Service**.

Garner said his investigation found that the man was a Republican Party staffer and "not a **Secret Service** agent." He referred further questions to his Washington office.

The group said Garner also told them there have been numerous cases of Republican staffers holding themselves out as **Secret Service** agents at presidential appearances.

But White House spokesman Abney said: "To my knowledge, it has never happened," even in the Denver incident.

"I'm confident there are two sides to this story," he said.

Weise drove to the event in her Saab with computer programmer Young and marketing coordinator Bauer.

"I didn't even know the (bumper) sticker was there," said Bauer. At the metal detector, a man checked the women's drivers' licenses against a paper, then asked them to stand aside.

Another man wearing a smiley-face tie said, "We're waiting for the **Secret Service** to come and talk to you.' And then this guy comes," said Weise.

He was dressed in a dark suit, with an earpiece and a red lapel pin, Bauer said. "He said, 'You two have been ID'd, and if you have any ill intention, you will be arrested

and jalled."

Then they were allowed to enter. About 20-30 minutes later, all three were hustled out by the same man.

Bauer said he grabbed her by the elbow, urged her forward and said, "Come with me."

"I was shaking," said the woman. "I was scared."

Young said he was physically pushed out. Weise said the man pointed at her some distance away in the crowd and said loudly, "You too! you need to leave!"

Secret Service spokesman Tom Mazur said that a real **Secret Service** agent would have identified himself as an agent. But he added, "It's my understanding there was no impersonation. No one ever identified himself as a **Secret Service** agent."

The **Secret Service** recognizes "the constitutional rights of the public to demonstrate and voice their views to the president," he said. "As long as there is no threat to the protectee, the decision to remove is the responsibility of the event sponsor."

Abney said the event was sponsored by the White House. He also said the man who removed the three was a volunteer, not someone on the White House staff.

The Republican National Committee declined to comment. The Colorado Republican Party said none of its five staffers were involved.

The trio's attorney, Recht, says he's considering filing a lawsuit.

"They did nothing wrong," he said. "They didn't act innappropriately. They didn't say anything inappropriate."

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GRAPHIC: Photo, From left, Alex Young, 25; Leslie Weise, 39; and Karen Bauer, 38, all, of Denver, were thrown out of President Bush's speech by a Republican staffer, last week at Wings over the Rockies museum. EVAN SEMON , ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

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HEADLINE: Secret Service suggests GOP operative behind town hall removal

BYLINE: By CATHERINE TSAI, Associated Press Writer

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A government official suggested Wednesday that three people who arrived at President Bush's town hall meeting here last week were removed by a Republican operative they mistook for a **Secret Service** agent.

"It was somebody from the host committee," **Secret Service** spokesman Tom Mazur said. A spokeswoman for the Colorado GOP said the Colorado Republican Party was not involved. White House spokesman Allen Abney said it was a volunteer, not a paid White House staffer, who removed the three people.

The man's name was not released.

Dan Recht, an attorney for the three self-described progressives who were removed, said he was getting "the run-around" about the matter and sent a letter Wednesday asking Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to launch an investigation.

Recht's letter said the man who removed his clients may have illegally impersonated a **Secret Service** agent, used illegal physical force to remove his clients, and violated his clients' First Amendment rights. He also sought investigation of the use of taxpayer funds for events at which certain citizens were excluded.

"If this person was acting within the scope of his employment and was instructed to remove people for these kind of things, then that staff person and the Republican Party violated my clients' First Amendment rights, and I would be inclined to sue them for violation of constitutional rights," Recht said.

Internet technology worker Alex Young, 25; marketing coordinator Karen Bauer, 38; and lawyer Leslie Weise, 39, arrived at the meeting March 21 at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum in a car with a bumper sticker reading "No More Blood for Oil" and said someone wearing an earpiece, navy blue suit and lapel pin asked them to leave. They assumed he was a **Secret Service** agent.

"My sense is the volunteer thought these individuals had come to the event to disrupt it," Abney said. "We welcome a diversity of views, but if people come to disrupt the event, that's another matter. There's plenty of opportunity to express views outside the event."

Recht agreed but said his clients had done nothing wrong before they were removed.

Bauer said the man would not say his name, who he was, where he was from, and why they were being removed.

Recht said Denver **Secret Service** agent in charge Lon Garner told him the person who escorted his clients out was a Republican staffer but did not give a name. Recht did not know whether the man was affiliated with the local or national party or who trained him.

Garner referred all calls to Mazur, who is based in Washington, D.C.

"We're simply asking for answers," Recht said. "We're asking the attorney general for answers to questions that would help us decide if we ought to bring a lawsuit, and if so, against whom."

Abney said taxpayer funds were used and that the event was ticketed, with the public getting tickets from various organizations or Colorado Republican Rep. Bob Beauprez's office.

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HEADLINE: Run-out has become a runaround

BYLINE: Jim Spencer Denver Post Staff Columnist

BODY:

The premise is as absurd as it is disingenuous. It is also critical to the Bush administration's ability to keep a dirty little secret.

In the past week, two White House spokesmen have told me they don't know the name of a Republican staff member who refused to let three people attend President Bush's March 21 Social Security "town hall" meeting in Denver. The three were banned because they arrived in a car with a "No More Blood for Oil" bumper sticker.

The White House doesn't know who did this because the White House doesn't care to find out.

Alex Young, Leslie Weise and Karen Bauer now call themselves the Denver Three. They say they were forced to leave the nonpartisan, taxpayer-

financed Denver forum an hour before the president arrived.

They also say they were told the person who escorted them out was a **Secret Service** agent. He wasn't.

"Our agency wasn't involved," said Lon Garner, the agent in charge of Denver's **Secret Service** district.

The person who made Young, Weise and Bauer leave was a Republican staff member wearing an earpiece and an orange lapel pin that resembled the red lapel pins worn by **Secret Service** agents, according to Garner.

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"They were physically removed as a result of the bumper sticker," attorney Dan Recht said after accompanying Young, Weise and Bauer to a Monday meeting with the **Secret Service**. "That's illegal and outrageously un-American."

It's nearly Nixonian.

"There were no allegations that they acted improperly," Recht said of his clients, who may sue.

The **Secret Service** has interviewed the man who removed them but refused to name him.

"We can't give out that information because the person was not an agent," **Secret Service** spokesman Jonathan Cherry told me Tuesday. "You need to talk to the White House or the local organizers (of the Denver presidential visit)."

I tried.

"I wasn't there," said assistant presidential press secretary Allen Abney. "It's hard for me to have specifics of what actually took place."

Asked about the Colorado situation at his national news briefing, Bush press secretary Scott McClellan said he didn't know "all the specific circumstances." He promised to look into the "marching orders" for who can get in to the president's Social Security "conversations."

"We welcome a diversity of views at the events," he said.

You can't tell that by what happened in Denver. The Denver meeting was an official White House event, coordinated by Washington.

Despite repeated requests, the White House has provided no information about the staff that came to Denver.

Colorado Rep. Mark Udall, a Democrat, has asked the **Secret Service** for a clarification of events, Udall's chief of staff said Tuesday.

The runaround for the Denver Three seems to be a full sprint, just as it was in February for the Fargo 42.

The Fargo 42 mysteriously appeared on a list of folks banned from Bush's nonpartisan, taxpayer-financed Social Security "town meeting" in North Dakota. Most

were part of a Howard Dean meet-up group. But some had done nothing but write letters to the editor that were critical of the president.

Fargo City Commissioner Linda Coates doesn't know who put her name on the no-admittance list or why. When the list leaked to the Fargo Forum newspaper, Coates got a ticket from Fargo's Republican mayor and went anyway.

"This is thought-police stuff," Coates said. "It's the new normal. It arouses suspicion about people by default. It's really a dark strategy."

And one the White House promised not to repeat after the Fargo fiasco, which the Bush administration finally blamed on an "overzealous" volunteer.

I asked Abney if volunteers in Denver got to wear earpieces and lapel pins and act like **Secret Service** agents.

Surprise. He said he didn't know.

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The Secret Service knows the man's name, one of the people familiar with the probe said, and has interviewed him. Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin refused to comment for this article.

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The incident and the identity of the man have become news in parts of Denver. The three Democrats have started a Web site — denverthree.org — to press their case, and a local columnist has been hounding the White House for the identity of the "mystery man." "It's day 31. The White House stonewalling continues," Denver Post columnist Diane Carman wrote Thursday.

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No charges in Denver 3 ouster

By Ann Imse, Rocky Mountain News
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Federal prosecutors have declined to press charges of impersonating a Secret Service agent against a White House volunteer who forcibly ousted three people from a speech by President George W. Bush in Denver on March 21.

The announcement was made without explanation today in a letter from the Secret Service to Colorado Sen. Ken Salazar and Reps. Mark Udall and Diana DeGette, all Democrats who had asked for the agency to investigate the incident.

The three people who were ousted – Alex Young, 26, Karen Bauer, 38, and Leslie Weise, 39 – say the event staffer was dressed like a Secret Service agent, in a suit, radio earpiece and lapel pin that identifies people with security clearance. Bauer and Weise say that when they were pulled aside at the gate, they were told by another event staffer that they were waiting for a Secret Service agent, and then this man showed up. Though he did not tell them he was an agent, they said he did threaten to arrest them if they misbehaved.

Although the three are involved in a political group called the Denver Progressives, they did nothing to interfere with the event and were bounced before the president arrived. They admitted to wearing t-shirts under their clothing that said, "No more lies." They said they considered revealing the t-shirts, but decided not to do so. Later, though they had done nothing disruptive, the unidentified man forced them to leave.

A Secret Service agent who investigated the incident said the man admitted ousting them solely because they arrived in a vehicle bearing a "No-more-blood-for-oil" bumper sticker. The Secret Service has said the man was not an agent but refused to name him because he was not charged.

The incident raised questions in Congress about whether the man had committed the crime of impersonating a federal officer.

The man's identity has been a matter of mystery for four months. The three have repeatedly demanded his identity, saying they wanted to sue him on free speech grounds.

Bush appeared at the Wings over the Rockies Museum to promote his Social Security plan. Because it was a public event paid for by taxpayers, considerable debate has erupted over whether it was legal to bar people over their political speech. Eight of Colorado's nine members of Congress – four Republicans and four Democrats – have objected to the idea of ousting people over a bumper sticker.

The White House has described the man as a "White House volunteer." White House press secretary Scott McClellan backed the trio's ouster, saying in April, "If we think people are coming to the event to disrupt it, obviously, they're going to be asked to leave."

Congressman Mark Udall, D-Colo., said in a statement, "It's puzzling that the Secret Service would take four months to come up with nothing."

"Frankly, if the Secret Service and White House have nothing to hide, and if no law was broken, don't the American people have a right to know the results of the investigation and who was responsible for ejecting the Denver 3?"

"Hopefully the White House will put in place procedures for town meetings that allow all views to be heard and that respect all law-abiding individuals," Udall said.

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No charges filed in case of 'Denver 3' evicted from Bush event

posted by: Dan Werner Web producer

Created: 7/29/2005 1:30 PM MDT - Updated: 7/29/2005 1:30 PM MDT

DENVER (AP) - The United States Attorney's Office will not file charges against a man responsible for removing three people from President Bush's town hall meeting in Denver earlier this year.

A Secret Service letter to Senator Ken Salazar, Representative Mark Udall and Representative Diana DeGette advises that prosecutors have declined to pursue the case.

The March 21 incident was under investigation to determine whether the man impersonated a Secret Service officer.

An attorney for the three people thrown out of the event says his clients plan to pursue a civil lawsuit against the person -- accusing him of assault, and violating their civil rights.

The Secret Service indicates in its letter that the agency does not divulge the names of people who haven't been charged with a crime, but attorney Dan Recht says he plans to file a request under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain the report.

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Homeland Security

JAN 29 2008

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2008-55
REFERAL FROM: United States Secret Service

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Secret Service (USSS), dated October 4, 2007 (copy attached for reference). Records were referred to us by the above-referenced government agency on January 9, 2008, for a direct response to you.

The referred material has been considered under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and exemptions have been applied when deemed appropriate either for withholding records in full or for excising certain information. The exemption(s) cited for withholding records or portions of records are marked below. An **enclosure** to this letter provides a brief explanation of these exemptions.

This office received and reviewed 14 page(s) of material. This office is providing the following:

- 7 page(s) are being released in full (RIF);
- 1 page(s) are being released in part (RIP);
- page(s) are withheld in full (WIF);
- 6 page(s) are duplicate copies of material already processed;
- page(s) are non-responsive to your request and therefore withheld in full.

The exemption(s) cited for withholding records or portions of records are marked below.

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Redactions were made to the names of third parties in only one document to protect the identities of these individuals. Absent a Privacy Act waiver, the release of such information concerning the third parties named in this document would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in violation of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a. The information excised is also exempt from disclosure pursuant to sections (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

Exemption 6 allows withholding of “personnel and medical files and *similar files* the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)(emphasis added). OIG is invoking Exemption 6 to protect the names, signatures, and initials of lower level employees in the enclosed documents.

Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C)

Exemption 7(C) protects from public disclosure “records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes . . . [if disclosure] could reasonably be expected to cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). The OIG invokes Exemption 7(C) to protect the identities of lower level employees referenced in the enclosed documents compiled for law enforcement purposes.

Additionally, the four pages of documents referred by USSS contained information that originated within OIG. The OIG’s information was bracketed for review and direct response to you. All OIG’s information bracketed in these pages is being **released in full** (see records under the Released in Full coversheet). However, USSS has instructed this office to advise you of your right to appeal the USSS redactions on these four pages by writing to “Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, 245 Murray Drive, Building 410, Washington D.C. 20223.”

This is the final action this office will take concerning this matter. You have the right to appeal this response with respect to the above-identified OIG document. Your appeal must be in writing and **received** within 60 days of the date of this response. Please address any appeal to:

Associate General Counsel (General Law)
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528.

Both the envelope and letter of appeal must be clearly marked, “Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Appeal.” Your appeal letter must also clearly identify the OIG’s

response. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the Department of Homeland Security regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine R. Gallo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Katherine R. Gallo

Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General

FOIA/PA Analyst: Nikki Gramian

Phone Number: (202) 254-4001

Requester's Name: _____

FOIA/PA NO. _____

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Homeland Security

April 12, 2005

The Honorable Ken Salazar
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Salazar:

Thank you for your letter requesting that our office investigate a matter relating to the alleged impersonation of a Secret Service agent by a political operative at a recent town hall forum hosted by the President. Your letter indicates that three Colorado residents were forcibly removed from the Wings Over the Rockies Museum on March 2, 2005, by an individual who may have been falsely posing as an agent of the United States Secret Service (USSS). As you note, it is a violation of federal law to impersonate a federal officer.

We have contacted the USSS and they are not aware of this particular incident, but they have agreed to conduct appropriate inquiries to attempt to determine whether or not the individual who asked your constituents to leave the forum was a USSS agent. Therefore, we have referred this matter to Assistant Director Keith W. Young, Office of Inspection, USSS, and asked that his office respond directly to you with the results of their inquiry.

Should you have any questions, please contact me, or a member of staff may contact my Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Elizabeth M. Redman, at (202) 254-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard L. Skinner".

Richard L. Skinner
Acting Inspector General

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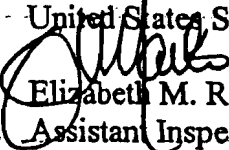
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Homeland Security

April 14, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: Keith W. Young, Assistant Director
Office of Inspection
United States Secret Service

FROM: 
Elizabeth M. Redman
Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

SUBJECT: *OIG Complaint Number R05-08549-S (Congressional Referral)*

This office received the attached letter from Senator Ken Salazar requesting an investigation into a matter related to the alleged impersonation of a Secret Service agent by a political operative at a recent town hall forum hosted by the President. It is alleged that an individual, who may have been falsely posing as an agent of the United States Secret Service (USSS), forcibly removed three Colorado residents from the Wings Over the Rockies Museum on March 2, 2005.

A review of this matter determined that it is an issue more appropriately addressed by your office. Acting Inspector General Richard L. Skinner has advised Senator Salazar that we are referring this matter to you for your review and appropriate action. Please respond directly to Senator Salazar and provide this office with a copy of that response. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please call me at (202) 254-4042, or have a member of your staff contact Joseph G. Sullivan, Jr., Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Headquarters Operations, at (202) 254-4300.

Attachment(s)

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USSS Document with Bracketed
information referred to OIG

All OIG information contained in the
Brackets are Released in Full (RIF)

SYNOPSIS

This case involves the alleged impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service (USSS) special agent (SA) on March 21, 2005, at a presidential site in Denver, CO.

Interviews have been conducted in Denver, CO with USSS personnel, a White House staff volunteer, an event site supervisor, a political staff volunteer, and the three complainants.

No information has been established to support the complainants' allegation that an unknown white male impersonated a USSS SA.

Case continued pending presentation to the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), District of Colorado.

(A) DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

On April 14, 2005, Assistant Director (AD) Keith W. Young, Office of Inspection, USSS, received a one-page memorandum from Assistant Inspector General (IG) Elizabeth M. Redman, Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (**Attachment 1**), requesting that the USSS investigate a claim that a "political operative" impersonated a USSS SA during a town hall forum attended by President George W. Bush on March 21, 2005. On April 19, 2005, the Office of Inspection referred this case to Inspection Division.

On April 20, 2005, I received the following documents from Deputy Special Agent in Charge (DSAIC) Mark E. Hughes, Inspection Division:

- Copy of a one-page letter, dated April 6, 2005, authored by the Honorable Ken Salazar, U.S. Senate, (D - Colorado), to Acting IG Richard Skinner, DHS (**Attachment 2**).
- Copy of a one-page letter dated April 12, 2005, authored by Acting IG Skinner, DHS, to Senator Salazar (**Attachment 3**).

- Copy of a three-page Memorandum of Record (SSF 1932), dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA _____ Denver Field Office (FO), to Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) Lon R. Garner, Denver FO (Attachment 4).
- Copy of a two-page memorandum, dated March 23, 2005, authored by SA _____ Miami FO, to SAIC - Miami FO and SAIC - Denver FO (Attachment 5).
- Copy of a one-page memorandum, dated March 24, 2005, authored by Uniformed Division (UD) Sergeant (Sgt.) _____ to SAIC - Presidential Protective Division (PPD) (Attachment 6).

The review of Senator Salazar's letter provided the following information:

- He requests the Acting IG, DHS, investigate a matter related to the alleged impersonation of a USSS SA by a "political operative" at a recent town hall forum on March 21, 2005, hosted by President Bush. Senator Salazar stated that if the facts so warrant, to prosecute those who have violated federal law.

The review of Acting IG Skinner's letter stated that:

- The USSS has been contacted regarding this matter and have agreed to conduct appropriate inquiries to attempt to determine whether the individual who asked your constituents to leave the forum was a USSS SA.
- This matter has been referred to the Office of Inspection, USSS, and asked that this office respond directly to Senator Salazar with the results of its inquiry.

The review of Assistant IG for Investigations Redman's memorandum indicates that:

- She is in receipt of Senator Salazar's letter requesting an investigation into the alleged impersonation of a USSS SA by a "political operative" at a recent town hall forum hosted by President Bush.
- This matter would be more appropriately addressed by the Office of Inspection, USSS. Acting IG Skinner had notified Senator Salazar that

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this matter has been referred to the USSS and that the USSS will contact Senator Salazar directly with the results of its finding.

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The review of SA [redacted] SSF 1932 provided the following information:

- He stated that on March 22, 2005, the Denver FO was contacted by [redacted] who stated that she, [redacted] and [redacted] were forcibly removed from the Wings Over the Rockies presidential site on March 21, 2005, by a person she believed to be a USSS SA.

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On June 9, 2005, I contacted Sgt. [redacted] and asked him if he told the three individuals that they would be arrested if they did not leave the event site. Sgt. [redacted] said that he did not tell the three individuals that they would be arrested if they did not leave the event site. Sgt. [redacted] stated that the three individuals were very cooperative and were simply asking questions as to why they were being asked to leave. Sgt. [redacted] said that after explaining to the three individuals that the staff had asked them to leave, the three individuals simply walked away. I asked Sgt. [redacted] if it were possible that there were four individuals instead of three. Sgt. [redacted] said that it was possible; however, he did not recall if the fourth person was a male or a female.

(B) SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

Title: Impersonation of a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent

(C) DISPOSITION

Case continued pending presentation to the USAO - District of Colorado.

(D) ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of a one-page memorandum, dated April 14, 2005, authored by Assistant IG Redman to AD Young.
2. Copy of a one-page letter, dated April 6, 2005, authored by Senator Salazar to Acting IG Skinner.
3. Copy of a one-page letter, dated April 12, 2005, authored by Acting IG Skinner to Senator Salazar.

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ATTACHMENTS

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Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am writing to request that you investigate a matter related to the alleged impersonation of a Secret Service agent by a political operative at a recent town hall forum hosted by the President.

You may already have received the request I made yesterday to the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Treasury, which has forwarded it on to your office. In the event that Colorado state law may also have been violated, I made the same request to the Denver District Attorney's Office, which has determined that no Colorado criminal laws apply.

I understand three Colorado residents were allegedly forcibly removed from a town hall forum on Social Security in Denver at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum on March 2, 2005 – one in a series of such forums hosted by President Bush – by an individual who may have been falsely posing as an agent of the U.S. Secret Service. The three also allege they were threatened with arrest if they did not leave.

I am extremely troubled by these allegations. Under federal law, a crime is committed by a person impersonating a federal officer or employee and that crime is punishable by up to three years in prison, 18 U.S.C. §912. Other federal laws may apply.

The three Coloradans, (), (), and () have contacted me regarding their removal from the event. I accordingly ask you to undertake an investigation into this matter and, if the facts so warrant, to prosecute those who have violated federal law.

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I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ken Salazar
United States Senator

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