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Re: OIP/10-R0251  
CLM:DRH:CMW

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 5, 2009, and received in this Office on December 15, 2009, for the contents of the administrative tracking file for Office of Information Policy (OIP) request number OIP/07-R0833. This response is made on behalf of OIP.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in OIP and thirty records, totaling fifty-two pages, have been located that are subject to the FOIA and responsive to your request. I have determined that these documents are appropriate for release with excisions made pursuant to Exemptions 5 and 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (b)(6), which pertain to certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, as well as to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party, respectively. For you information, the withheld material consists of internal notes pertaining to the processing of the initial request, as well as the name of an unrelated third party.

Although additional portions of this material could be withheld pursuant to Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), I have determined in this instance that such material may be disclosed as a matter of agency discretion.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Mallon".

Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

Enclosures



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**MAR 17 2008**

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Re: DAG/07-R0834  
CLM:MLF:GEB

Dear Mr. Poulsen:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 23, 2007, which was received in this Office on July 25, 2007, in which you requested records from August 1, 2001 to the present pertaining to the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

Please be advised that we searched the records of the current staff of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and no records responsive to your request were located.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this final response, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Mallon  
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AG/07-R0833  
DAG/07-R0834  
ASG/07-R0835  
GEB

July 23th, 2007

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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Pustay:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, and is submitted by Kevin Poulsen, a journalist with Wired News.

I am seeking any documents (including but not limited to electronic records) held by the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, or the Office of the Associate Attorney General created or revised on or after August 1, 2001, addressing the feasibility, advisability or lawfulness of deferring, rescheduling or canceling a U.S. national election.

**Request for "News Media" Fee Status**

I am a professional full-time journalist with Wired News, an advertising-supported online news site dealing with technology.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$100. Please notify me prior to incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

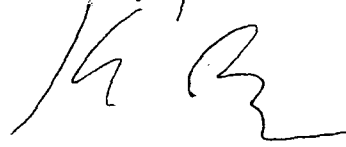
Thank you for your consideration of this request. As applicable Department of Justice regulations provide, I will anticipate an initial determination on my request within twenty (20) working days. Should you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me at (415) 276-8411.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Poulsen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Poulsen  
Senior Editor  
Phone: 415-276-8411  
Fax: 650-745-1227

### Case Notes for Kevin Poulsen

**Requester:** Kevin Poulsen  
**Requester Organization:** Wired News  
**Case Number(s):** AG/07-R0833; DAG/07-R0834; ASG/07-R0835  
**Date of Request:** July 23, 2005  
**OIP Receipt Date:** July 25, 2007  
**Received by GEB:** July 30, 2007  
**Request:** Records from August 1, 2001 pertaining to US National elections being deferred, rescheduled, or canceled.

**History:** This request was sent directly to this Office

**July 30, 2007**

- Received the case from MLF and reviewed the case.

**July 31, 2007**

- Reviewed case again.
- Conducted an IQ search and there were some eyes only workflows that I emailed Lee about in order to get access. Thus far with the other hits none of these were responsive. See the Exec Sec Search tab.
- Wondered if we needed to conduct an SMO search and I was thinking that we did because of the way the request was worded. I spoke with SBL and she agreed that we needed to conduct SMO personal offices searches.

**August 2, 2007**

- Lee gave me access to the eyes only workflows.

**August 9, 2007**

- Reviewed the eyes only workflows and none of those were responsive either.
- Drafted an acknowledgement and interim response and informed the requester that no records responsive to his request were located.
- Drafted search memos for AG, DAG, and ASG. Submitted to SBT for review.

**August 13, 2007**

- Conducted some research after speaking with SBT on this subject and was able to locate an article that is attached to the notes and find the name of the individual that suggested that elections may be cancelled. I also thought that we needed to conduct an SMO search because he requester specifically stated that he wanted records in these Offices.

**August 14, 2007**

- Conducted an IQ search using Tim Ridge and there were no responsive records thus far, but there were eyes only workflows that I needed access to. I emailed

Lee Simms to get access (See Exec Sec tab). A SMO indices search was also conducted to ensure that all of the time period requested was searched.

- He emailed me back giving me access.

**August 15, 2007**

- Went through the eyes only workflows and found that none were responsive to the request.
- Spoke with LAD to determine whether she thought we needed to do SMO offices search. LAD thought that we should do a SMO search. Since I had already drafted the search memos I printed these memos and gave the case in addition to the acknowledgement/interim response to MLF for review. The search memos were also attached so that SBT could review them.
- MLF returned the acknowledgement/interim with corrections, but she signed the second page. Minor corrections were made to search memos. Made changes to search memos and resubmitted to MLF.

**August 16, 2007**

- MLF returned the search memos signed. Sent out search memos and interim/acknowledgement.

**September 12, 2007**

- ASG search results were returned and no records responsive to the request were located.

**September 13, 2007**

- Drafted an interim response informing the requester that no documents responsive to the request were located and that we were continuing our records searches in Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.
- Submitted final response to MLF for signature.
- MLF returned final response with corrections. I made the corrections and resubmitted to MLF for signature.

**September 14, 2007**

- MLF returned the final response signed.
- Sent out the ASG Interim response.
- Closed the ASG number in Oracle.
- I am still waiting on the AG and DAG search results.

**September 25, 2007**

- The AG search results were returned and no records responsive to the request were located.

**September 26, 2007**

- Drafted a second interim response to the requester informing him that there were no responsive records located and that we were continuing our search in the DAG's Office.
- Submitted the final response to MLF for review and signature.

**September 27, 2007**

- MLF gave the case to VRB to determine if any of the documents are responsive. MLF also thought that we should address the Exec Sec search.
- VRB agreed that none of the documents were responsive VRB made some corrections including Exec Sec search language.

**September 28, 2007**

- Received the case back from VRB. I looked in the file and we had already informed the requester about the Exec Sec search. I printed off another copy and informed MLF that we had addressed this in the acknowledgement/interim.
- MLF returned the letter to me signed and stated that we didn't need to address the Exec Sec language again.
- Closed the AG number in Oracle.
- I am only waiting for the DAG search results to be returned.

**February 28, 2008**

- Received the DAG search results that no records were located.

**February 29, 2008**

- Drafted a final response to the requester advising him that there were no records in ODAG and submitted to NDD for signature.
- NDD made a minor correction and resubmitted.
- I made the corrections and resubmitted to NDD for signature.
- NDD thought that I should wait until MLF returned for her to sign the final response.

**March 17, 2008**

- MLF returned the final response signed.
- Sent out the final response
- I closed the case in Oracle and placed the folder in the filing room to be filed.



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## Tuesday in November

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PERHAPS WITHOUT meaning to, Tom Ridge, the homeland security secretary, opened an unexpected can of worms last week when he warned of a terrorist attack designed to disrupt November's presidential election. His comments -- maddeningly lacking in detail, as always -- immediately suggested a number of nightmare electoral scenarios. What if a debilitating attack takes place the day before a presidential election? Should the election be postponed? What if the attack only hits an electorally sensitive city -- Miami, say, or Cleveland? Can elections be canceled in one place alone? And if so, do local officials decide, just as local officials decided to postpone New York City's municipal elections after Sept. 11?

Those who want to prepare for any of these scenarios are limited by the Constitution, which states that the presidential election must take place on a single day across the country and that Congress is responsible for setting the date. Yet on Election Day, Congress will not be in session. State and local officials will be in charge. And the time for disputes is limited: According to the 20th Amendment, the new president must be sworn in by Jan. 20, 2005. If not, the speaker of the House becomes president.

If the law is tricky, the politics is trickier. In recent days, Mr. Ridge informally asked the Justice Department to look at what might happen if an election had to be postponed, leading to a few suspicious, even hysterical reactions, and talk of stolen elections. While it is appropriate for the administration to think out loud about how it should react, it must bend over backward to do so in a bipartisan, premeditated fashion, with no hint of politicization. The legislature, not the executive, is clearly the body that should deal with this issue.

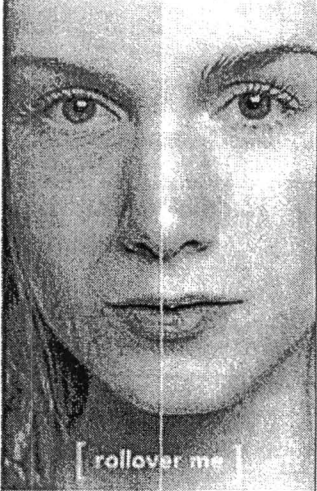
If, that is, it is to be dealt with at all. Some conversation about this subject is useful, if only to help prepare Congress and the White House for an emergency. Some have discussed the possibility of appointing a commission with distinguished, broadly respected members such as former senators Bob Dole and George J. Mitchell to look into this question, an eminently reasonable idea. At the same time, powerful emotional and even political arguments exist for holding a presidential election on the day it was meant to be held, regardless of what happens and who is unable to vote, just as it was held during the Civil War and just as it would be held in case of a hurricane, flood, fire or other natural catastrophe. This is not merely because talking about it in advance encourages those who might carry out a disruption. It's also because a postponed election would not necessarily have any greater legitimacy than an election disrupted by a terrorist attack. Congress should think through the consequences of a disrupted election, but it should remain extremely wary of any scheme to hold a presidential election at any time other than the first Tuesday of November.

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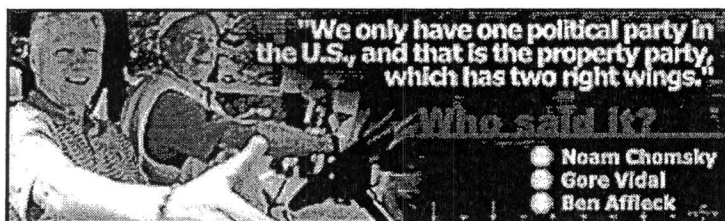
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## Critical Juncture

### Will Bush cancel the 2008 election?

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By Harvey Wasserman & Bob Fittrakis  
*Online Journal Guest Writers*

Aug 1, 2007, 01:11

It is time to think about the “unthinkable.”

The Bush administration has both the inclination and the power to cancel the 2008 election.

The GOP strategy for another electoral theft in 2008 has taken clear shape, though we must assume there is much more we don't know.

But we must also assume that if it appears to Team Bush/Cheney/Rove that the GOP will lose the 2008 election anyway (as it lost in Ohio 2006), we cannot ignore the possibility that they would simply cancel the election. Those who think this crew will quietly walk away from power are simply not paying attention.

The real question is not how or when they might do it. It's how, realistically, we can stop them.

In Florida 2000, Team Bush had a game plan involving a handful of tactics. With Jeb Bush in the governor's mansion, the GOP used a combination of disenfranchisement, intimidation, faulty ballots, electronic voting fraud, a rigged vote count and an aborted recount, courtesy of the US Supreme Court.

A compliant Democrat (Al Gore) allowed the coup to be completed.

In Ohio 2004, the arsenal of dirty tricks exploded. Based in Columbus, we have documented more than a hundred different tactics used to steal the 20 electoral votes that gave Bush a second term. More are still surfacing. As a result of the King-Lincoln-Bronzeville federal lawsuit (in which we are plaintiff and attorney) we have now been informed that 56 of the 88 counties in Ohio violated federal law by destroying election records, thus preventing a definitive historical recount.

As in 2000, a compliant Democrat (John Kerry) allowed the coup to proceed.

For 2008 we expect the list of vote theft maneuvers to escalate yet again. We are already witnessing a coordinated nationwide drive to destroy voter registration organizations and to disenfranchise millions

of minority, poor and young voters.

This carefully choreographed campaign is complemented by the widespread use of electronic voting machines. As reported by the Government Accountability Office, Princeton University, the Brennan Center, the Carter-Baker Commission, US Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and others, these machines can be easily used to flip an election. They were integral to stealing both the 2000 and 2004 elections. Efforts to make their source codes transparent, or to require a usable paper trail on a federal level, have thus far failed. A discriminatory Voter ID requirement may also serve as the gateway to a national identification card.

Overall, the GOP will have at its command even more weapons of election theft in 2008 than it did in Ohio 2004, which jumped exponentially from Florida 2000. The Rovian GOP is nothing if not tightly organized to do this with ruthless efficiency. Expect everything that was used these past two presidential elections to surface again in 2008 in far more states, with far more efficiency, and many new dirty tricks added in.

But in Ohio 2006, the GOP learned a hard lesson. Its candidate for governor was J. Kenneth Blackwell. The secretary of state was the essential on-the-ground operative in the theft of Ohio 2004.

When he announced for governor, many Ohioans joked that “Ken Blackwell will never lose an election where he counts the votes.”

But lose he did . . . along with the GOP candidates for secretary of state, attorney general and US Senate.

By our calculations, despite massive grassroots scrutiny, the Republicans stole in excess of 6 percent of the Ohio vote in 2006. But they still lost.

Why? Because they were so massively unpopular that even a 6 percent bump couldn't save them. Outgoing Governor Bob Taft, who pleaded guilty to four misdemeanors while in office, left town with a 7 percent approval rating (that's not a typo). Blackwell entered the last week of the campaign down 30 percent in some polls.

So while the GOP still had control of the electoral machinery here in 2006, the public tide against them was simply too great to hold back, even through the advanced art and science of modern Rovian election theft.

In traditional electoral terms, that may also be the case in 2008. Should things proceed as they are now, it's hard to imagine any Republican candidate going into the election within striking distance. The potential variations are many, but the graffiti on the wall is clear.

What's also clear is that this administration has a deep, profound and uncompromised contempt for democracy, for the rule of law, and for the US Constitution. When George W. Bush went on the record (twice) as saying he has nothing against dictatorship, as long as he can be dictator, it was a clear and present policy statement.

Who really believes this crew will walk quietly away from power? They have the motivation, the money and the method for doing away with the electoral process altogether. So why wouldn't they?

The groundwork for dismissal of both the legislative and judicial branch has been carefully laid. The

litany is well-known, but worth a very partial listing:

The continuation of the drug war, and the USAPATRIOT Act, Homeland Security Act and other dictatorial laws prompted by the 9/11/2001 terror attacks, have decimated the Bill of Rights, and shredded the traditional American right to due process of law, freedom from official surveillance, arbitrary violence, and far more.

The current attorney general, Alberto Gonzales, has not backed away from his announcement to Congress that the Constitution does not guarantee habeas corpus. The administration continues to act on the assumption that it can arrest anyone at any time and hold them without notification or trial for as long as it wants.

The establishment of the Department of Homeland Security has given it additional hardware to decimate the basic human rights of our citizenry. Under the guise of dealing with the "immigration problem," large concentration camps are under construction around the US.

The administration has endorsed and is exercising its "right" to employ torture, contrary to the Eighth Amendment and to a wide range of international treaties, which Gonzales has labeled "quaint."

With more than 200 "signing statements," the administration acts on its belief that the "unitary executive" trumps the power of the legislative branch in any instance it chooses. This belief has been further enforced with the administration's use of a wide range of precedent-setting arguments to keep its functionaries from testifying before Congress.

There is much more. In all instances, the 109th Congress and the public have rolled over without significant resistance.

Most crucial now are Presidential Directive #51, Executive Orders #13303, #13315, #13350, #13364, #13422, #13438, and more, by which Bush has granted himself an immense arsenal of powers for which the term "dictatorial" is a modest understatement.

The framers established our government with checks and balances. But executive orders have accumulated important precedent. The Emancipation Proclamation, by which Lincoln declared an end to slavery in the South, was issued under the "military necessity" of adding blacks to the Union Army, a step without which the North might not have won the Civil War. Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order #8802 established the Fair Employment Practices Commission. Harry Truman's Executive Order #9981 desegregated the military.

More to the point, FDR's Executive Order #9066 ordered the forcible internment of 100,000 people of Japanese descent into the now infamous concentration camps of World War II.

There is also precedent for a president overriding the Supreme Court. In the 1830s, Chief Justice John Marshall enshrined the right of the Cherokee Nation to sovereignty over its ancestral land in the Appalachian Mountains. But President Andrew Jackson scorned the decision. Some 14,000 native Americans were moved at gunpoint to Oklahoma. More than 3,000 died along the way.

All this will be relevant should Team Bush envision a defeat in the 2008 election and decide to call it off. It's well established that Richard Nixon — mentor to Karl Rove and Dick Cheney — commissioned the Huston Plan, which detailed how to cancel the 1972 election.

Today we must ask: who would stop this administration from taking dictatorial power in the instance of a “national emergency” such as a terror attack at a nuclear power plant or something similar?

Nothing in the behavior of this Congress indicates that it is capable of significant resistance. Impeachment seems beyond it. Nor does it seem Congress would actually remove Bush if it did put him on trial.

Short of that, Bush clearly does not view anything Congress might do as a meaningful impediment. After all, how many divisions does the Congress command?

The Supreme Court, as currently constituted, would almost certainly rubber stamp a Bush coup. If not, like Jackson, he could ignore it as easily as he would ignore Congress.

What does that leave? There is much idle speculation now about what the armed forces would do. We also hear loose talk about “90 million gun owners.”

From the public side, the only conceivable counterforce might be a national strike or an effective long-term campaign of general non-cooperation.

But we can certainly assume the mainstream media will give lockstep support to whatever the regime says and does. It’s also a given that those likely to lead the resistance will immediately land in those new prisons being built by Halliburton et. al.

So how do we cope with the harsh realities of such a Bush/Cheney/Rove dictatorial coup?

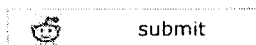
We may have about a year to prepare. Every possible scenario needs to be discussed in excruciating detail.

For only one thing is certain: denial will do nothing.

*Harvey Wasserman’s “History of the United States” is at [www.solartopia.org](http://www.solartopia.org), along with “Solartopia! Our Green-Powered Earth, A.D. 2030.” The Fitrakis Files are at [www.freepress.org](http://www.freepress.org) (where this article was originally published), along with “How the GOP Stole America’s 2004 Election & Is Rigging 2008,” which Bob and Harvey co-wrote.*

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Hm- well written blog, but to me, this is one of those theories that’s just a little too far-fetched. If the Bush Admin. tried to do something along the lines of what you suggest, there (finally) would be a massive retaliatory response- I guess we’ll see what happens.

Either way, I don’t think the next election will be pretty.

Unite @ 08/02/07 10:11:02

As much as I hate to swallow any of this, prevention is the best medicine. The system needs to go down either way.

Hysterie @ 08/02/07 10:32:35

**The system needs to go down either way**

Yeah, pretty much. The above would give an excuse to bring it down, wouldn't it? lol

Unite!

Unite @ 08/02/07 10:55:21

***Will Bush cancel the 2008 election?***

Why bother?

Clinton, Giuliani widen their leads

Sometimes no Peace

GWHunta @ 08/02/07 13:17:57

i think the Dems were allowed to win the mid term elections to prove to the public that they wouldn't do squat about Iraq.

and they'll probably with the 08 elections too, so that all hell can break loose and then the Republicans can go "see we told you the terrorist love the pacifist crackerjacks Democrats, we TOLD you", now let us get back to running the world and dont you worry.

TehInternetsKing @ 08/02/07 14:33:56

Two wings of the same corporate/fascist party. One leaning towards the mere appearance of legitimacy and the other the demagoguery of omnipotence.

Equal justice and true human progress a lost cause in either instance.

Sometimes no Peace

GWHunta @ 08/02/07 14:58:39

*The system needs to go down either way.*

Delusional thinking. You can't put the power back in the hands of the people by virtue of economic collapse, which is a certain result of the "system going down."

Witness the rise of federalism during the reign of Franklin D. Roosevelt to try to revive the U.S.



economy following the Great Depression.

Highly complex societies don't fare well with revolutionary change which is generally of greatest benefit to the very wealthiest and most powerful members of a society.

Social-evolutionary change, but in the opposite direction than that of the past several decades.

Peace,

GWHunta @ 08/02/07 15:14:01

Example:

Court rules against Katrina victims

Sometimes no Piece

GWHunta @ 08/02/07 15:18:52

anyone who think it's even conceivable for the system to go down is delusional!

there's only one way to get what you want : work within the system!



just don't lose sight of your goals and be corrupted by greed and power, which is oh so easy to do.

the tools are in place to get what you want, you just have to yank them out of other people's hands!!!

TehInternetsKing @ 08/02/07 19:28:02

"there's only one way to get what you want : work within the system!" – I had this delusion once, till I became disenchanted with it!

Disenchanted @ 08/03/07 03:09:40

I still remember people talking on talking on righty radio stations about Clinton canceling the elections after his second term... This conversation comes every 8 years or so...

Truthcansuk @ 08/03/07 09:18:20

"there's only one way to get what you want : work within the system!"

Yeah, if you want money and power...

Hektopagyupa @ 08/03/07 10:05:20

*Yeah, if you want money and power*

its almost a catch 22 scenario, but IMO not totally true.

I think the worst thing you can do to advance a cause is get married and have kids, because that seems to change your views and priorities like a mothafukkker!

You can opt out of society or the system, and that might work for you, but you will never really affect things in a meaningful way if thats how you go about it. You'll be a voice of dissent drowned in the ocean of conformity.

Disenchantment is a very likely outcome because the powers that be are well entrenched in their fortifications, but no revolution comes without sacrifice and effort, and many times disappointment.

Unfortunately the MTV generation/society we live in thrives on instant results, and the results we are seeking wont come in one election or even one generation.

Forum posting is a version of working within the system, blowing up an internet provider isn't! Being a teacher that informs and molds the next generation properly and with passion is, dropping out isn't. Owning a website that tries to give an alternate picture of the news is, calling it a Spy-ops isn't.

TehInternetsKing @ 08/03/07 10:22:49

Yeah, if you want money and power...

And who here doesn't at least want *one* of those things?!?

Truthcansuk @ 08/03/07 10:56:27

Me?

Hektopagyupa @ 08/03/07 11:26:10

Die poor and broken, then... me, I'm gonna be rich, in charge, and ordering my hit squad to dissappear people who don't agree with me!

**CAN I GET AN AMEN!!!**

Truthcansuk @ 08/03/07 11:29:15

**A-fucking-men, brotha!**

Snark @ 08/03/07 11:31:01

Why worry about canceling when Arnold can help steal another one.

elchivo1250 @ 08/03/07 13:17:06

Let me try that again—  
help steal another one

elchivo1250 @ 08/03/07 13:21:15

America is not a good place to live. They wanted to assassinate Dennis Kucinich in Cleveland when he took on the power companies. Take a look at this admittedly rose-tinted biography of Huey Long. They shot him. The message is “Do not stand up and confront the rich with their responsibility for helping the poor”.

It’s a country where killing people is OK when they threaten the American Way. Even good old Jed Bartlett, the greatest American President, who ran for 2 terms and 7 series, even he had a foreign diplomat murdered because his advisers told him the man represented a terrorist threat.

Watson @ 08/03/07 15:41:04

Why would he cancel the elections? Bush isn’t the problem himself, he’s a continuation of the problem. He’s a bourgeoisie president, the next pres. will probably be from the same ruling class. What do you think is going to change?

It’s not like America has a popular revolutionary leader campaigning. Maybe than he might, but not currently now.

Dilated\_Rebel @ 08/04/07 14:58:04

“I think the worst thing you can do to advance a cause is get married and have kids, because that seems to change your views and priorities like a mothafukkker!”

Views – No  
Priorities – Yes

Disenchanted @ 08/06/07 06:24:31

“I think the worst thing you can do to advance a cause is get married and have kids, because that seems to change your views and priorities like a mothafukkker!”

See, I figure the *best* thing you can do to advance a cause is get married and have kids, because that seems to change your views and priorities like a mothafukkker! Forces you to think in the collective, even if it is for just your own children...

Truthcansuk @ 08/06/07 14:29:01

First, thank you Harvey and Bob for not deluding the American people. There will be no more real elections in this country. The mass media and electoral machinery and both major political parties are now fully under the control of those in power. Elections that matter are a quaint feature of America’s past. As long as George Bush remains a useful idiot of the ruling clique his approval rating could drop to zero and he will sleep in the White House. At the same time Bush is expendable in the blink of an eye if it suits his masters. He will be replaced by another everyman, a new actor, a man better able to read the

script and parrot the talking points. The men in charge of this country will only release their grip on us when their hearts are stopped or they are confined to prisons by a powerful armed force capable of overcoming their hired killers.

Second, when our bourgeois democracy is shut down completely soon, an insurgency will become our only option. We must enlist people and accept the leadership of people in this insurgency without regard to race or nationality. Unbeknownst to most oppressed white workers in this country, unity with his/her African-American, Hispanic and immigrant counterparts is the only hope of salvation. Racism and xenophobia and every other tactic of division have been the lifeblood of capitalism with good reason. Our unity is the only potentially deadly threat to this system. White supremacy, Black-nationalism, religious fundamentalism, sexism, homophobia, and all the crackpot schemes and nihilistic cults of the bourgeoisie, like al-Qaeda, are dead ends for all of us.

Finally, it must simply become dangerous to be rich across the whole world! While it has become unsafe to be rich in many parts of the underdeveloped world, the U.S. remains a safe house for people living in obscene material wealth. The handful who finds refuge in capitalist America long ago declared war on the rest of us. So far in that war we have been doing all the starving and the drowning and the dying. It's time to make it a fair fight and call out our true enemies. Rupert Murdoch and George Soros and Warren Buffet and Bill and Melinda Gates and the Walton family and all the other who appear on Fortune magazine's annual list, the Sultan of Bahrain and the House of Saud, the oligarchs everywhere must face the consequences of their gluttony.

Our children are being murdered from Darfur to the Sunni Triangle to New Orleans today and many more will die tomorrow but don't mourn. Organize! Like the Africans in the Middle Passage and on slave plantations we must learn each other's languages and begin to talk. Unions must reach across national boundaries to unite workers everywhere. If this or like messages reach you, begin sharing class-conscious thought with others, especially our working class sons and daughters in the US military. It's simple, every other poor and working person is your brother or sister and every corporation and its wealthy owner is an enemy. It is not illegal yet so pick up a book by Marx or some other weapon and learn to use it. Begin training mentally and physically. We must prepare for if history is a guide, leaders, warriors will soon step forward and point us in the direction of our only hope of survival—socialism.

malcolmxmlk @ 08/06/07 15:55:27

I agree with everything you've said except the bit about socialism.

Socialism is the very model we are being thrust into, and Capitalism is something we abandoned in 1913.

Collectivist society leads to Totalitarianism, but for now we need to ditch all the ideology that we disagree on and unite against the leviathan.

Faxanadu @ 08/06/07 16:37:43

Collectivist society leads to Totalitarianism, but for now we need to ditch all the ideology that we disagree on and unite against the leviathan.

**DOWN WITH COLLECTIVITY!!!**

# UP WITH UNITY!!!

um... huh?

Truthcansuk @ 08/06/07 18:54:15

collectivism, as defined by a government's organizational structure, silly!


Faxanadu @ 08/06/07 19:10:55

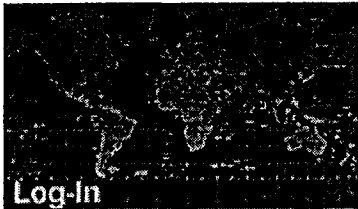
Marx was an economic determinist. In other words, he realized economic forces drove all other relationships—governmental, social, spiritual, etc. In the 18th century feudalism began to give way to capitalism under the pressures of the Industrial Revolution. Governmentally speaking, kings and the landed gentry were swept aside for bourgeois democracies. The wealthy were installed as the new rulers.

Capitalism in its dynamic growth stage tolerated the trappings of bourgeois democracy—elections, parliaments, courts, etal. When the system is under distress it turns to fascism as it did in 1930's Germany. Right now world capitalism is entering it final turn as a sustainable system and a period of severe distress. It will seek out a fascist refuge in the US and use its military might in an attempt to dominate the planets markets and resources.

No matter its machinations, capitalism is nearing its death. It will either be succeeded by socialism or something as described in books by Orwell or Huxley.


malcolmxmlk @ 08/06/07 20:53:55

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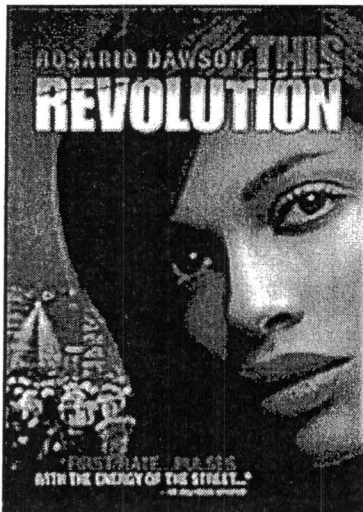
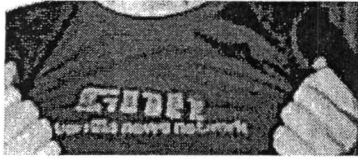
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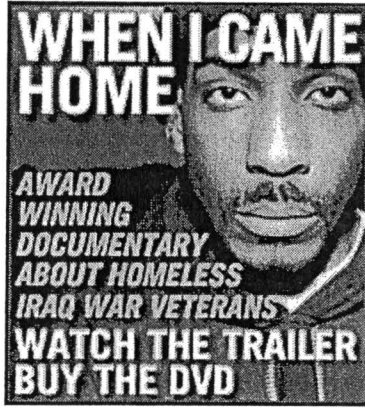


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***IR Staff Search Conducted  
for Records Maintained by the  
Department Executive Secretariat***

**Requester:** Kevin Poulsen

**Subject of Request:** Deferring, rescheduling, and canceling of United States elections from August 1, 2001

**OIP No(s):** AG/07-R0833; DAG/07-R0834; ASG/07-R0835

**Analyst:** Ginae Barnett

*9/27  
Agree - all NRC -*  
[REDACTED] (b)(5)  
[REDACTED] TMB

**The following databases were searched:**

**IQ Time period:** 1/1/01 to present

Term Searched	# of Hits	Responsive?
Canceling US National Elections (workflow)	0	NA
Rescheduling US National Elections (workflow)	0	NA
Deferring US National Elections (workflow)	0	NA
US National Elections (workflow)	14	Not responsive
National Elections (workflow)	20	Not responsive
US Elections (workflow)	92	Not responsive
Tom Ridge (people)	5; only three people were responsive to the subject	None of the hits responsive
Tom Ridge (workflow)	18	Not responsive

**RMS Time period:** 1982 to 12/31/00 - NA

\_\_\_\_\_ Located records that may be responsive to the request and have printed them out for review.

\_\_\_\_\_ Located control sheets only; underlying records have been destroyed or cannot be located.

Control sheets have been printed for review.

No records were located in the Department Executive Secretariat.

Records, if they exist, are maintained at WNRC.

Were microfilm reels searched:  No

Were indices searched: yes - no responsive record  
(list of electronic indices searched attached)

**Terms Used:** Tim Ridge, deferring US National  
Elections; canceling US National Elections;  
Rescheduling US National elections; US National  
Elections; US Elections; National elections

Date search was conducted: 7/31/07; 8/9/07; 8/13/07

Total amount of search time: 1 hour

**Barnett, Ginae**

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**From:** Simms, Leander G  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2007 11:05 AM  
**To:** Barnett, Ginae  
**Subject:** RE: Access to Eyes Only Workflows

All done Ginae

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**From:** Barnett, Ginae  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2007 8:08 AM  
**To:** Simms, Leander G  
**Subject:** Access to Eyes Only Workflows

*Kevin Paulsen  
case.*

Good morning Lee,

I need access to the following eyes only workflows:

- 306417 - NR
- 1076336 - NR
- 1092428 - NR
- 115309 - NR
- 460124 - NR
- 618702 - NR
- 618827 - NR
- 819277 - NR
- 837311 - NR
- 747692 - NR
- 623358 - NR

*9/10/07  
yes, agree with  
most all MFC -  
MB*

Thanks,  
**Ginae Barnett**  
**FOIA Specialist**  
**1425 New York Avenue, NW**  
**Suite 11050**  
**Washington, DC 20530-0001**

## Barnett, Ginae

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**From:** Simms, Leander G  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2007 3:24 PM  
**To:** Barnett, Ginae  
**Subject:** RE: Access to Eyes Only Workflows

Done

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**From:** Barnett, Ginae  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2007 6:14 AM  
**To:** Simms, Leander G  
**Subject:** Access to Eyes Only Workflows

Good morning Lee,

I need access to the following eyes only workflows:

199753 - NR  
401441 - NR  
242002 - NR  
116408 - NR  
657601 - NR  
676436 - NR  
679480 - NR  
734926 - NR

1  
*Agree VLB*

Thanks,

**Ginae Barnett**  
**FOIA Specialist**  
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**AUG 16 2007**

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Re: AG/07-R0833  
DAG/07-R0834  
ASG/07-R0835  
CLM:MLF:SBT:GEB

Dear Mr. Poulsen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 23, 2007, which was received in this Office on July 25, 2007, in which you requested records from August 1, 2001 to the present pertaining to the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General.

We conducted a search of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General. No records responsive to your request were located. We are continuing to search for responsive records in the files maintained in the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General and will write you again as soon as those searches are completed.

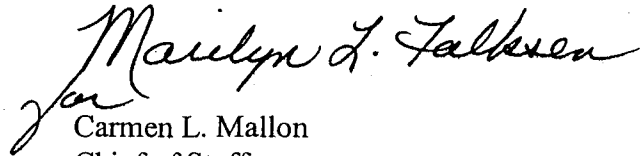
Because the records you seek require searches in other Offices, we will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute. In an effort to speed up our records searches, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records searches to discuss either of these options.

In accordance with Department of Justice regulation 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(c) (2006), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25. I note from your letter that you agree to pay up to \$100 in duplication fees.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact Ginae Barnett, the analyst processing your request, by telephone at the above number or you may write to her at the above address.

If you are not satisfied with my response concerning the Departmental Executive Secretariat, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

  
Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff



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**SEP 14 2007**

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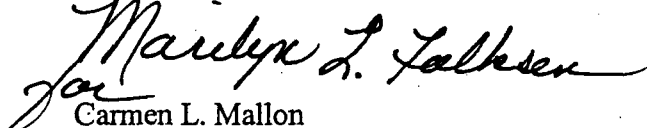
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Please be advised that a records search was conducted in the Office of the Associate Attorney General and no records responsive to your request were located. We are continuing our records searches in the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. We will write to you again once those searches are complete and our disclosure determinations are made should records be located.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this interim response, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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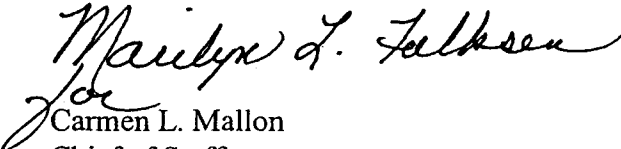
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Please be advised that a records search was conducted in the Office of the Attorney General and no records responsive to your request were located. We are continuing our records search in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. We will write to you again once that search is complete and our disclosure determinations are made should records be located.

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Re: AG/07-R0833  
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Dear Mr. Poulsen:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 23, 2007, which was received in this Office on July 25, 2007, in which you requested records from August 1, 2001 <sup>to the present</sup> pertaining to the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or ~~terminated~~ <sup>cancelled</sup>. This response is made on behalf of the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General.

We conducted a search of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General. No records responsive to your request were located. We are continuing to search for responsive records in the files maintained <sup>by</sup> the Offices of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Associate Attorney General and will write you again as soon as those searches are completed.

Because the records you seek require <sup>at</sup> search in <sup>at</sup> another Office, <sup>extra space</sup> we will be unable to comply with the twenty-working-day time limit in this case, as well as the ten additional days provided by the statute. In an effort to speed up our records search, <sup>ee</sup> you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records search <sup>ee</sup> to discuss either of these options.

*Std. lang - agree to pay \$25.*  
As <sup>ee</sup> ~~representative of the news media,~~ you will not be charged search fees. I note from your letter that you agree to pay up to \$100 in duplication fees.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact Ginae Barnett, the analyst processing your request, by telephone at the above number or you may write to her at the above address.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin O'Connor  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Attorney General

Attention: Catherine Bennett

FROM: Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search in the Office of the Attorney General

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that a search be conducted in the Office of the Attorney General for records which are the subject of the attached Freedom of Information Act request.

*to the present*  
The requester, Kevin Poulsen of Wired News, is seeking access to records from August 1, 2001 concerning United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or ~~terminated~~ *cancelled*. The pertinent portions of the request letter have been highlighted for your convenience. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Deputy Attorney General, ~~Associate Attorney General~~ *and* and the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

When conducting your records search, please be certain to include a review of any electronic records, including electronic mail (e-mail) and any e-mail that has been archived. Any records that your Office maintains as of the time you begin your search should be reviewed to determine if they are responsive to this request. Should your Office locate any records, they will be processed by OIP. We are available to assist in the assembling and copying of records.

Please call me at 514-3642 or Ginae Barnett, the analyst processing this request, at 616-5484, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Currie Gunn  
Office Manager  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

FROM: Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search in the Office of the Associate Attorney General

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that a search be conducted in the Office of the Associate Attorney General for records which are the subject of the attached Freedom of Information Act request.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Shults/  
Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to  
the Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

*William E. Moschella*  
*Principal Assoc. DAG*

Attention: SeLena Powell

FROM: Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General

The purpose of this memorandum is to request that a search be conducted in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General for records which are the subject of the attached Freedom of Information Act request.

*to the present*  
The requester, Kevin Poulsen of Wired News, is seeking access to records from August 1, 2001 concerning the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or *cancelled* terminated. The pertinent portions of the request letter have been highlighted for your convenience. We have also initiated searches in the Offices of the Attorney General, *and* Associate Attorney General, and the Departmental Executive Secretariat.

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Re: DAG/07-R0834  
CLM:MLF:GEB

Dear Mr. Poulsen:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated July 23, 2007, which was received in this Office on July 25, 2007, in which you requested records from August 1, 2001 to the present pertaining to the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General.

Please be advised that we searched the records of the current staff of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and no records responsive to your request were located.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this final response, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

*On an letter to you dated September 18, 2007, we advised you that our search for responsive records was continuing in the*

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

Nick

2/29/08

This is a final response advising the requester that no records responsive to his request were located in ODAG. The ASA and AG numbers were closed 9/14/07 and 9/28/07, respectively. Could you review and sign?

one  
small  
change.

Nick

~~Frank,~~

~~Denae~~



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Dear Mr. Poulsen:

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Please be advised that a records search was conducted in the Office of the Associate Attorney General. <sup>and no response</sup> ~~No~~ records <sup>responsive</sup> identifiable to your request were located. We are continuing our records searches in the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. <sup>space</sup> We will write to you again once those searches are complete.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this interim response, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, within sixty days from the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Carmen L. Mallon  
Chief of Staff

*and our disclosure determinations are made should records be located.*

020-9/24

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	Phone No.  <b>514-2107</b>





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August 22, 2007

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

REQUESTER: Kevin Poulsen  
Wired News  
July 23, 2007

SUBJECT: The requester is seeking access to records from August 1, 2001 to the present concerning United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. (Pertinent portions of this request have been highlighted for your convenience.)

DATE OF OIP REQUEST: August 16, 2007

Kevin O'Connor	Yes	_____	Evan Young	Yes	_____
	No	<u>100 9/19/07</u>		No	<u>EA 8/23/07</u>
Matthew Friedrich	Yes	_____		No	_____
	No	<u>MF 9/18/07</u>	Megan Brown	Yes	_____
Mauri Smith	Yes	_____		No	<u>MBS 9/17/07</u>
	No	<u>MS 8-23-07</u>	Chuck Connolly	Yes	_____
Bessie Meadows	Yes	_____		No	<u>CC 09/19/07</u>
	No	<u>BM 8-23-07</u>	Eric Holland	Yes	_____
Jayne Schreiber	Yes	_____		No	<u>EH 9/21/07</u>
	No	<u>JS 8/24/07</u>	Katie Haun	Yes	_____
Michael Beck	Yes	_____		No	<u>KH 9/19/07</u>
	No	<u>MB 8/24/07</u>			
Theresa Pagliocca	Yes	_____			
	No	<u>TP 8/27/07</u>			
Andy Beach	Yes	_____			
	No	<u>AB 8/28/07</u>			
John Boote	Yes	_____			
	No	<u>JB 9/10/07</u>			
Deobrah Underhill	Yes	_____			
	No	<u>DU 8/31/07</u>			
Angela Williamson	Yes	_____			
	No	<u>AW 9/9/07</u>			



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin O'Connor  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Attorney General

Attention: Catherine Bennett

FROM: *MLM* Carmen L. Mallon  
*for* Chief of Staff

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July 23th, 2007

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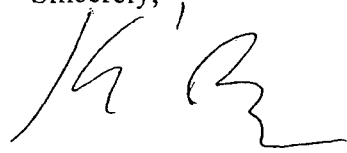
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February 27, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanie Ann Pustay  
Deputy Director  
Office of Information and Privacy

FROM: SeLena Y. Powell   
Office Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search in the  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

This is in response to the request of Kevin Poulsen seeking access to certain records concerning the U.S. national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled.

The Office of the Deputy Attorney General has no material responsive to this request. If you have any questions, call me at 5-9772.

August 27, 2007

TO: ODAG Staff

FROM: SeLena Y. Powell

SUBJECT: The requester, Kevin Poulsen of Wired News, is seeking access to records from August 1 2001, to present concerning the United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. The pertinent portions of the request letter have been highlighted for your convenience.

RESPONSE DUE:

DAG

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  Wm3 2/2  
Date 2/22/08

William Moschella

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  Wm  
Date 11-23-07

David Margolis

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  DM  
Date 12-2-07

Tom Monheim

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  TAM  
Date 9/25/07

Tom Moss

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  Jm  
Date 10-9-07

Stuart Nash

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  SN  
Date 11/15/07

Joan Meyer

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  JEM  
Date 10-16-07

Steve McFarland

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  SM  
Date 9/25/07

Deborah Rhodes

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  DR  
Date 1/29/08

Jennifer Lowery

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  JL  
Date 10/9/07

Mark Gridler

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  MG  
Date 9/29/07

David Woll

Yes   
No   
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
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No SPF  
Date 9/27/07

Mark Epley Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No MDE  
Date 9/27/07

Steve Campbell Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No SC  
Date 10/11/07

Hayley Reynolds Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No HR  
Date 10/11/07

Jessie Liu Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No JL  
Date 9/24/07

Michael Stransky Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No MS 9.24.07  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*IMM 9/26/07 No*



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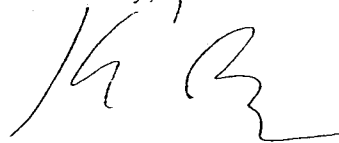
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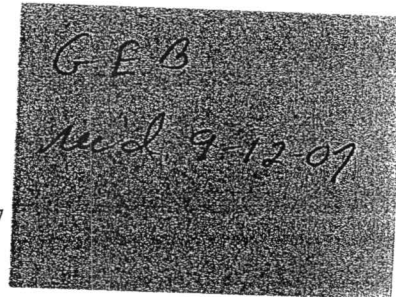


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Melanie Ann Pustay  
Director  
Office of Information and Privacy

FROM: Currie Gunn *Currie*  
Office of the Associate Attorney General

SUBJECT: Request for Records Search in the Office of the Associate Attorney General

In reply to your memorandum dated August 16, 2007 from Kevin Poulsen of Wired News seeking access to records from August 1, 2001 to the present concerning United States national elections being postponed, rescheduled, or canceled. The Office of the Associate Attorney General has conducted a search, no responsive documents were found.



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**AUG 16 2007**

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TO: Currie Gunn  
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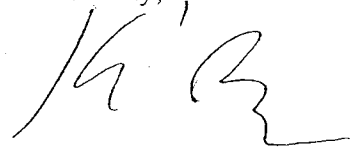
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