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I just received a telephone call from Steve Bell, Sen. Domenici's CoS, who urgently reported the following:

1. Outgoing USATTY David Iglesias is holding a press conference at 11:30 Eastern this morning.
2. He is allegedly going to say that he was contacted by two Members of Congress last Fall regarding the investigation into the courthouse construction corruption case. Information on this is in the following article: <http://www.abqtrib.com/news/2006/dec/19/federal-attorney-plans-step-down-iglesias-investig/>
3. He is allegedly going to say that the Members urged him to deliver indictments before November's election. He will further say that one of the Members, frustrated with his answer, hung up on him in anger.
4. He is allegedly going to link these phone calls with the current news – saying that he believes this ultimately led to his being asked to resign by DOJ.

Bell said Domenici's idea is not to respond, and hopefully make this a one day story. They have already been contacted by McClatchey. Unfortunately, I do not think that they can make an allegation such as this go away so easily. They have not confirmed to the reporter they were one of the Members.

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I am available to discuss further – clearly, once this happens in Albuquerque the reporters will be asking DOJ and the White House

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