

District	U.S. Attorney	Nominated	Confirmed	Date of Birth	Age at Confirmation	Diversity
TX-E	Michael Bradford	6/20/93	9/28/94	9/10/52	42	WM
UT	Scott Matheson	8/6/83	9/21/93	7/18/53	40	WM
	Paul M. Warner	7/29/98	7/31/98	6/11/49	49	WM
VT	Charles Tetzlaff	7/13/93	7/26/93	10/15/38	54	WM
VI	James Hurd	4/8/97	9/11/97	8/17/45	52	AAM
VA-E	Helen Fahey	9/7/93	9/30/93	10/19/41	51	WF
VA-W	Robert Crouch	8/6/93	9/30/93	3/28/48	45	WM
WA-E	James Connelly	6/29/93	9/21/93	1/16/28	65	WM
WA-W	Katrina Pflaumer	10/29/93	11/19/93	1/9/45	48	WF
WV-N	William Wilmoth	7/13/93	9/21/94	7/11/50	43	WM
	Melvin Kahle	8/5/99	11/10/99	11/21/35	63	WM
WV-S	Rebecca Betts	11/19/93	2/10/94	11/25/51	42	WF
WI-E	Thomas Schneider	9/17/93	10/18/93	6/5/47	46	WM
WI-W	Peggy Lautenschlager	9/17/93	10/18/93	11/22/55	37	WF
WY	David Freudenthal	1/26/94	3/23/94	10/12/50	43	WM

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AL-N	Frank W. Donaldson	7/29/81 4/8/86	9/16/81 5/14/86	9/8/21	60	W/M
AL-M	John C. Bell James Eldon Wilson	7/16/81 11/30/87	7/31/81 2/19/88	10/22/48 3/6/48	32 39	W/M W/M
AL-S	J.B. Sessions III	7/16/81	7/31/81	12/24/46	34	W/M
AK	Michael R. Spaan	7/24/81	7/31/81	11/29/45	35	W/M
AZ	A. Melvin McDonald Stephen M. McNamee	7/13/81 9/9/85	7/31/81 10/16/85	12/7/41 8/16/42	39 43	W/M W/M
AR-E	George Washington Proctor Charles A. Banks	5/12/83 12/17/87	5/20/83 2/25/88	5/2/41 3/8/47	42 40	W/M W/M
AR-W	W. Asa Hutchinson J. Michael Fitzhugh	3/11/82 5/14/86	3/31/82 6/6/86	12/3/50 8/5/47	31 38	W/M W/M
CA-C	Stephen S. Trott Robert C. Bonner	12/9/81 1/30/84	2/8/82 2/27/84	12/12/39 1/29/42	42 42	W/M W/M
CA-E	Donald B. Ayer David F. Levi	11/4/81 5/5/87	12/3/81 7/17/87	4/30/49 8/29/51	32 35	W/M W/M
CA-N	Joseph P. Russoniello	10/21/81 8/5/86	11/18/81 9/12/86	10/12/41	40	W/M
CA-S	William H. Kennedy Peter K. Nunez William Braniff	9/17/81 11/29/82 6/9/89	11/10/81 12/10/82 7/31/89	11/8/30 8/31/42 7/8/41	51 40 48	W/M H/M W/M (Handicapped)
CO	Robert N. Miller	10/7/81	11/24/81	5/30/40	41	W/M

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CT	Alan H. Nevas	10/7/81	11/18/81	3/27/28	53	W/M
	Stanley A. Twardy Jr.	10/23/85	12/12/85	12/27/27	57	W/M
DE	Joseph J. Farnan Jr.	7/16/81	7/31/81	6/15/45	36	W/M
	William C. Carpenter Jr.	10/23/85	11/18/85	6/13/51	34	W/M
DC	Stanley S. Harris	11/4/81	12/16/81	10/19/27	54	W/M
	Joseph DiGinova	11/1/83	11/11/83	2/22/45	38	W/M
	Jay B. Stephens	4/15/88	10/14/88	11/5/46	41	W/M
FL-M	Robert W. Merkle Jr.	3/11/82	4/21/82	6/15/44	37	W/M
FL-N	W. Thomas Dillard III	12/14/82	Not Confirmed	11/28/41	-	W/M
		1/31/83	2/23/83		41	
	Kevin Michael Moore	4/23/87	5/19/87	7/17/51	35	W/M
FL-S	Stanley I. Marcus	4/13/82	4/21/82	3/27/46	36	W/M
	Leon B. Kellner	5/14/86	6/24/86	12/31/45	40	W/M
GA-M	Joe D. Whitley	9/22/81	10/21/81	11/12/50	30	W/M
		3/18/86	4/23/86			
	Edgar W. Ennis Jr.	11/30/87	2/25/88	5/20/45	42	W/M
GA-N	Richard H. Still, Jr.	3/8/82	Withdrawn 6/2/82			
	Larry D. Thompson	7/28/82	8/5/82	11/15/45	36	AA/M
	Robert L. Barr Jr.	9/26/86	10/8/86	11/5/48	37	W/M
GA-S	Hinton R. Pierce	11/4/81	12/9/81	7/16/27	54	W/M
		5/14/86	6/6/86			
GU & NMI	K. William O'Connor	3/18/86	4/11/86	8/1/31	54	W/M
HI	Daniel A. Bent	3/8/83	4/13/83	5/24/47	35	W/M
ID	Guy G. Hurlbutt	9/17/81	10/29/81	1/23/42	39	W/M
	Maurice Owens Ellsworth	6/24/85	7/16/85	3/11/48	37	W/M

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IL-C	Gerald D. Fines J. William Roberts	10/14/81	11/10/81	1/26/40	41	W/M
		9/30/86	10/8/86	7/15/42	44	W/M
IL-N	Dan K. Webb Anton R. Valukas	9/22/81	10/21/81	9/5/45	36	W/M
		5/22/85	6/27/85	6/21/43	42	W/M
IL-S	Frederick J. Hess	3/11/82	3/31/82	9/22/41	40	W/M
		1/20/87	3/20/87			
IN-N	R. Lawrence Steele Jr., James G. Richmond	7/13/81	7/31/81	3/28/47	34	W/M
		5/14/86	6/13/86	2/20/44	42	W/M
IN-S	Sarah Evans Barker John D. Tinder Deborah J. Daniels	6/25/81	7/15/81	6/10/43	38	W/F
		5/31/84	6/15/84	2/17/50	34	W/M
		2/16/88	3/31/88			W/F
IA-N	Evan L. Hultman Charles W. Larson	12/8/81	5/11/82	7/15/25	56	W/M
		4/21/87	5/19/87	5/30/35	51	W/M
IA-S	Richard C. Turner	11/16/81	12/16/81	9/30/27	54	W/M
KS	Jim J. Marquez Benjamin L. Burgess Jr.	9/17/81	11/24/81	3/10/41	40	H/M
		10/23/85	11/18/85	7/20/43	42	W/M
KY-E	Louis G. De Falaise	11/4/81	12/3/81	4/25/45	36	W/M
		7/14/86	8/9/86			
KY-W	Ronald E. Meredith Joseph M. Whittle	9/22/81	10/21/81	1/30/46	35	W/M
		12/9/85	2/25/86	2/7/33	53	W/M
LA-E	John P. Volz	2/14/83	3/23/83	4/22/35	47	W/M
LA-M	Stanford O. Bardwell Jr. P. Raymond Lamonica	9/22/81	10/20/81	7/2/40	41	W/M
		1/20/87	3/20/87	6/10/44	42	W/M
LA-W	Joseph S. Cage Jr.	11/23/81	12/9/81	2/28/42	39	W/M
		7/14/86	9/12/86			

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ME	Richard S. Cohen	7/8/81	7/31/81	4/5/37	44	W/M
		1/21/86	2/25/86		48	
MD	J. Frederick Motz Breckinridge L. Wilcox	7/29/81	9/16/81	12/20/42	38	W/M
		4/15/86	5/14/86			W/M
MA	William F. Weld Frank L. McNamara	10/31/81	2/8/82	7/31/45	36	W/M
		4/2/87	11/5/87	11/4/47	40	W/M
MI-E	Leonard Gilman Roy C. Hayes	9/22/81	10/7/81	1/7/42	39	W/M
		2/26/86	5/14/86	6/19/40	45	W/M
MI-W	John A. Smietanka	9/17/81	10/7/81	6/26/41	40	W/M
		7/14/86	8/1/86			
MN	James M. Rosenbaum Jerome G. Arnold	10/21/81	11/24/81	10/12/44	37	W/M
		5/14/86	6/24/86	5/13/41	45	W/M
MS-N	Glen H. Davidson Robert Q. Whitwell	8/11/81	10/1/81	11/20/41	39	W/M
		1/22/86	3/7/86	7/28/46	39	W/M
MS-S	George L. Phillips	8/11/81	10/1/81	5/24/49	32	W/M
		7/28/86	9/25/86			
MO-E	Thomas E. Dittmeier	7/13/81	7/31/81	4/10/44	37	W/M
		2/19/86	3/21/86			
MO-W	Robert G. Ulrich	11/4/81	12/9/81	11/23/41	40	W/M
		7/14/86	8/1/86			
MT	Byron H. Dunbar	11/4/81	12/9/81	6/8/27	54	W/M
NE	Ronald D. Lahners	10/7/81	11/10/81	12/18/33	47	W/M
NV	Lamond R. Mills William A. Maddox	12/4/81	2/8/82	12/19/41	40	W/M
		9/9/85	10/16/85	10/16/47	38	W/M

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NH	W. Stephen Thayer, III	7/29/81	9/16/81	1/13/46	35	W/M
	Richard Wiebusch	6/5/85	6/13/85	12/4/46	38	W/M
NJ	W. Hunt Dumont	10/14/81	11/10/81	8/12/41	40	W/M
	Samuel A. Alito, Jr.	8/3/87	12/8/87	4/1/50	37	W/M
NM	William L. Lutz	2/11/82	3/15/82	5/18/44	37	W/M
NY-S	Rudolph W. Guiliani	4/12/83	5/4/83	5/28/44	38	W/M
NY-N	Frederick J. Scullin, Jr.	7/15/82	8/5/82	11/5/39	42	W/M
NY-E	Raymond J. Dearie	7/28/82	8/20/82	6/4/44	38	W/M
	Andrew J. Maloney	5/14/86	6/24/86	10/6/31	54	W/M
NY-W	Salvatore R. Martoche	2/23/82	5/5/82	10/12/40	41	W/M
	Dennis E. Vacco	6/14/88	10/14/88	8/16/52	36	W/M
NC-E	Samuel J. Currin	9/17/81	10/7/81	12/13/48	32	W/M
	Margaret P. Currin	3/21/88	Renom. under Bush	6/17/50		W/F
NC-W	Charles R. Brewer	10/14/81	11/10/81	10/23/48	33	W/M
	Thomas J. Ashcraft	8/7/87	10/20/88	10/1/51	37	W/M
NC-M	Kenneth W. McAllister	9/17/81	10/7/81	1/3/49	32	W/M
	Robert H. Edmunds Jr.	5/5/87	2/3/88	4/17/49	38	W/M
ND	Rodney S. Webb	9/17/81	10/7/81	6/21/35	46	W/M
OH-N	J. William Petro	12/11/81	3/4/82	3/12/40	39	W/M
	Patrick M. McLaughlin	9/9/85	10/16/85	7/23/46	39	W/M
	Joyce J. George	10/6/89	11/22/89	5/4/36	53	W/F
OH-S	Christopher K. Barnes	11/16/81	12/9/81	3/10/49	32	W/M
	Michael D. Crites	2/5/87	4/21/87	6/16/48	38	W/M
OK-E	Gary L. Richardson	3/29/82	4/21/82	2/5/41	41	W/M
	Roger Hilfiger	9/9/85	10/16/85	9/24/45	40	W/M

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OK-N	Francis A. Keating II	5/14/81	6/10/81	2/10/44	37	W/M
	Layn R. Phillips	5/25/84	6/15/84	1/2/52	32	W/M
	Tony Michael Graham	11/19/87	2/19/88	5/17/49	38	W/M
OK-W	David L. Russell	5/14/81	6/10/81	7/7/42	38	W/M
	William S. Price	4/13/82	5/4/82	10/5/48	33	W/M
		4/23/87	7/1/87			
OR	Charles H. Turner	3/11/82 4/27/87	3/31/82 7/1/87	1/14/36	46	W/M
PA-E	Edward S. G. Dennis	4/12/83	5/3/83	1/24/45	38	AA/M
PA-M	David Dart Queen	2/11/82	3/15/82	5/22/47	34	W/M
PA-W	J. Alan Johnson	2/10/82	3/15/82	9/2/44	37	W/M
PR	Daniel J. Lopez-Romo	11/29/82 8/8/87	12/21/82 2/19/88	1/28/45	36	H/M
RI	Lincoln C. Almond	10/14/81 7/14/86	11/10/81 8/1/86	6/16/36	45	W/M
SC	Henry D. McMaster	5/11/81	5/21/81	5/27/47	33	W/M
	Vinton D. Lide	7/25/85	7/31/85	5/4/37	48	W/M
	E. Bart Daniel	5/16/89	6/22/89	5/16/55	34	A/M
SD	Phillip N. Hogen	10/21/81 4/27/87	11/18/81 8/7/87	11/15/44	37	NA/M
TN-E	John W. Gill	10/15/81 2/26/86	11/18/81 5/14/86	3/17/42	39	W/M
TN-M	Joe B. Brown	11/4/81 5/14/86	12/9/81 6/6/86	12/9/40	41	W/M
TN-W	William H. Ewing Jr.	10/5/81 5/21/86	10/29/81 6/6/86	6/11/42	39	W/M

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TX-N	James A. Rolfe	7/16/81	7/31/81	5/24/40	41	W/M
	Marvin Collins	10/23/85	11/18/85	12/18/42	42	W/M
TX-S	Daniel K. Hedges	7/8/81	7/15/81	9/18/46	34	W/M
	Henry K. Onken	2/4/86	3/21/86	9/17/38	47	W/M
TX-W	Edward C. Prado	6/16/81	7/15/81	6/7/47	34	H/M
	Helen M. Eversberg	7/27/84	9/20/84	12/23/45	38	W/F
TX-E	Robert J. Wortham	9/22/81 7/21/87	11/18/81 12/8/87	9/8/47	34	W/M
UT	Brent D. Ward	9/17/81 5/14/86	12/3/81 6/6/86	12/11/45	35	W/M
VT	George W. Cook	9/17/81	10/7/81	5/20/49	32	W/M
	George J. Terwilliger III	4/23/87	5/19/87	6/5/50	36	W/M
VI	James W. Diehm	1/31/83	3/2/83	11/6/44	38	W/M
VA-E	Elsie L. Munsell	10/14/81	11/10/81	2/15/39	42	W/F
	Henry E. Hudson	4/8/86	4/29/86	7/24/47	38	W/M
VA-W	John P. Alderman	10/14/81 5/14/86	11/10/81 6/6/86	7/22/35	46	W/M
WA-E	John E. Lamp	8/28/81	10/1/81	1/17/43	38	W/M
WA-W	Gene S. Anderson	11/23/81	12/9/81	9/12/37	44	W/M
WV-N	William C. Kolibash	4/13/82	5/12/82	2/12/44	38	W/M
WV-S	David A. Faber	11/23/81	12/9/81	10/21/42	39	W/M
	Michael W. Carey	5/13/87	5/19/87	5/25/54	32	W/M
WI-E	Joseph P. Stadtmueller	11/2/81 5/14/86	12/3/81 6/6/86	1/28/42	39	W/M
	John E. Fryatt	11/19/87	2/25/88	1/1/43	45	W/M

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WI-W	John R. Byrnes	11/2/81	12/9/81	1/18/48	33	W/M
	Patrick James Fiedler	11/19/87	2/25/88	7/24/53	34	W/M
WY	Richard A. Stacy	7/16/81	7/31/81	3/7/42	39	W/M

Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 1:33 PM
To: Scott-Finan, Nancy; Nowacki, John (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Response to Domenici

Keep it with EOUSA and John can just run it by me when we get further down the road.

From: Scott-Finan, Nancy
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 1:22 PM
To: Goodling, Monica; Nowacki, John (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Response to Domenici

To whom should I return the letter since I am the last to know when someone is in clearance? Thanks.

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 1:18 PM
To: Scott-Finan, Nancy; Nowacki, John (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO)
Subject: RE: Response to Domenici

The WH has had 10 conversations with them since they sent this letter and it's still in progress. Hold the letter for now -- I'm not sure one is needed, but if it is, it should wait until after the decision is made to put someone into background.

From: Scott-Finan, Nancy
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2007 11:45 AM
To: Nowacki, John (USAEO); Voris, Natalie (USAEO); Goodling, Monica
Subject: Response to Domenici

I just received a response back to Domenici's letter of January 5th in which he makes 4 recommendations for USA in New Mexico. There is nothing in it about all of the candidates receiving consideration. We say: "We appreciate the interest you have expressed in the selection process of United States Attorneys." Shall I send it back for a re-write?

Goodling, Monica

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 1:22 PM
To: 'Russell, Bob (Pryor)'
Subject: RE: U.S. Attorney appointment

Yes.

From: Russell, Bob (Pryor) []
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: RE: U.S. Attorney appointment

Kyle, thanks for the quick response. I understand that the Griffin appointment is pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 546 (a). Is that correct?

From: Sampson, Kyle [mailto:Kyle.Sampson@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 1:04 PM
To: Russell, Bob (Pryor)
Subject: U.S. Attorney appointment

Bob, it turns out there are many ways that a person may become U.S. Attorney:

1. 28 U.S.C. § 541(a) ("The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a United States attorney for each judicial district.");
2. 5 U.S.C. § 3345(a)(1) (providing in the event of a vacancy that "the first assistant to the office of such officer shall perform the functions and duties of the office temporarily in an acting capacity");
3. 5 U.S.C. § 3345(a)(2) (providing in the event of a vacancy that "the President (and only the President) may direct a person who serves in an office for which appointment is required to be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to perform the functions and duties of the vacant office temporarily in an acting capacity");
4. 5 U.S.C. § 3345(a)(3) (providing in the event of a vacancy that "the President (and only the President) may direct an officer or employee of such Executive agency to perform the functions and duties of the vacant office temporarily in an acting capacity," so long as such person has "served in a position in such agency for not less than 90 days" at a rate "equal to or greater than the minimum rate of pay payable for a position at GS-15 of the General Schedule");
5. 28 U.S.C. § 546(a) (providing that "the Attorney General may appoint a United States attorney for the district in which the office of United States attorney is vacant"); and
6. U.S. Const., art. II, § 2 (providing that the "President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session").

Of course, as the AG mentioned to the Senator, it remains our hope that the President will nominate Tim Griffin and the

Senate will confirm him. Please let me know if there is any additional information we can provide you. Thanks!

Kyle Sampson
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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 12:22 PM
To: 'Oprison, Christopher G.'; Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Another Griffin article

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From: griffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 10:49 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: Another one

Lincoln calls appointment of Rove assistant 'unfortunate'

By ANDREW DeMILLO Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Arkansas Sen. Blanche Lincoln called President Bush's decision to appoint political adviser Karl Rove's former assistant as interim U.S. attorney for eastern Arkansas "unfortunate" because she believes it bypasses the normal approval process.

"I think it's very unfortunate that the president would choose not to go down the normal route," Lincoln, D-Ark., told The Associated Press in an interview on Monday.

The Justice Department announced Friday that Tim Griffin would replace Bud Cummins, who plans to resign Dec. 20. There is no maximum amount of time someone can serve as an interim U.S. attorney.

"This is a person who's going to be implementing the law of the land, and I have concerns from what I read in terms of his political nature," Lincoln said. "People need to know that and the way you know that is by going through the processes. The reason we have processes and committees and hearings is so there will be a transparency in the people that are going to serve, and that won't exist in this case."

Arkansas' lone Republican in Congress, Rep. John Boozman, last week said Griffin was highly qualified for the position. But Griffin, who worked on President Bush's re-election campaign in 2004, likely wouldn't have faced a fair hearing in the soon-to-be Democratically controlled Senate, Boozman said.

A native of Magnolia, Griffin now serves as special assistant U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Arkansas. Griffin has previously served as special assistant to President Bush and deputy director of political affairs at the White House, as well as deputy communications director for the Republican National Committee.

He recently finished a year of active duty in Iraq and is an Army Reserve major, serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

A spokesman for Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., on Friday criticized the appointment for avoiding the normal appointment process.

"The senator is concerned that, by announcing an interim (appointment) and not making a nomination, they're determining who the nominee is," Pryor spokesman Michael Teague said Friday. "They're basically circumventing the constitutional process."

A Justice Department spokesman has said officials will work with the Arkansas congressional delegation "in the near future" to make a nomination, and that Griffin was nominated on an interim basis because of the timing of Cummins' resignation.

Lincoln said the White House had contacted her earlier in the year and said they were interested in appointing him to Bud Cummins' position. She said her office had expressed concern about his appointment.

'I don't know that much more about him than you could find if you Googled him,' Lincoln said. 'That's what we did.'

Tracking:

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'Oprison, Christopher G.'
Sampson, Kyle

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Goodling, Monica

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 5:34 PM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG); Goodling, Monica; Moschella, William
Hertling, Richard
Subject: FW: U.S. Attorney Appointments

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From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 5:32 PM
To: Bruce Cohen
Cc: Hertling, Richard
Subject: U.S. Attorney Appointments

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Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 5:16 AM
To: Goodling, Monica; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Moschella, William; Hertling, Richard; Scolinos, Tasia; Roehrkasse, Brian
Subject: FW: U.S. Attorney Appointments

FYI – AG spoke with Sen. Feinstein yesterday re her floor statement on USA resignations/appts. Below is an e-mail exchange I had with her counsel. []

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 5:13 AM
To: 'Duck, Jennifer (Judiciary-Dem)'
Cc: Hertling, Richard
Subject: RE: U.S. Attorney Appointments

He is not upset, just concerned about the inaccuracies that Sen. Feinstein continues to put out there, even after our meeting with you, including:

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In answer to your below question re all AG appointments since the amendment, the answer is yes. Call me if you want to discuss or have any other questions. (202) 514-3892.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 7:22 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
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What is the difference? Is it that those four the vacancies arose prior to the authority change?

From: Sampson, Kyle [mailto:Kyle.Sampson@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 6:15 PM
To: Duck, Jennifer (Judiciary-Dem); Cohen, Bruce (Judiciary-Dem)
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From: Duck, Jennifer (Judiciary-Dem) []
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"Ms. Lam has had a distinguished career, and she served the southern district of San Diego well and everyone in that district knows that," Ms. Feinstein said. "I regret that main Justice does not. I am quite disappointed that main Justice chose to remove her, especially given the ongoing work in which the office is involved."

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Sampson, Kyle

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 8:12 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: FW: Fyi from today's Arkansas paper

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FYI

From: Oprison, Christopher G. []
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 7:48 AM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: FW: Fyi from today's Arkansas paper

fyi

From: Tim Griffin []
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 3:28 AM
To: 'Karl Rove'; 'Sara Taylor'; 'Scott Jennings'; 'Jane Cherry'; Oprison, Christopher G.
Subject: Fyi from today's Arkansas paper

Fyi. I am glad I did this especially because Pryor says in the article that Gonzales told him he wouldn't send me through the process and Pryor says he was asking Gonzales for my name to be submitted. Crazy. The swipe at Pryor at the very bottom is in response to a question about whether the White House did me a disservice. I said that Pryor did me a disservice, etc. I am going to go back to focusing on my job until I am told otherwise. Thanks, TG

Prosecutor Griffin now rejects post
Interim appointee blames Senate flak
DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Tim Griffin, whose December appointment as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas sparked a national outcry about surreptitious changes made to a law affecting federal prosecutors, says he no longer wants the job permanently.

"I have made the decision not to let my name go forward to the Senate," Griffin said Thursday evening. He was referring to the U.S. Department of Justice's stated intention, amid heavy criticism, to subject Griffin and others recently appointed to interim federal-prosecutor posts to the standard process of being nominated by the president, scrutinized by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and then voted on by the Senate.

Griffin, 38, a former military prosecutor, was appointed Dec. 20 by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales under a little-noticed provision tacked onto the 2006 reauthorization of the USAPATRIOT Act that allows the attorney general to fill prosecutorial vacancies on an interim basis without Senate approval.

Griffin's predecessor, Bud Cummins, later acknowledged that he was asked to step aside from the job he

got five years earlier after going through the Senate confirmation process, not because of performance issues but to make way for Griffin, who worked briefly in the White House under presidential adviser Karl Rove and was a political director for the Republican National Committee.

The new language concerning appointments, which even the Republican sponsor of the 2006 legislation now says he didn't notice at the time, replaced a provision that limited the interim appointments to 120 days. It had the effect of allowing appointees to serve indefinitely for the rest of the current administration, which in this case ends in early 2009, without the usual scrutiny.

Griffin on Thursday blamed "the partisanship that has been exhibited by Sen. [Mark] Pryor [D-Ark.] and other senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee in the recent hearing" for his decision to bow out. He referred to a hearing last week on Capitol Hill on legislation proposed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and supported by Pryor, as well as Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., and others, to reinstate the original language governing such appointments.

The legislation was proposed after at least seven U.S. attorneys across the country were ousted to make room for Republican political allies. Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty acknowledged in the hearing that in Arkansas, Cummins was forced out simply to make room for Griffin.

Griffin said Thursday that if he were to go through the confirmation process, "I don't think there is any way I could get fair treatment by Sen. Pryor or others on the judiciary committee."

He said he will continue to serve in the top law enforcement position in the state's eastern district as long as the White House keeps him there under the interim title or "gets someone else that I can help transition into this job.

"But to submit my name to the Senate would be like volunteering to stand in front of a firing squad in the middle of a three-ring circus."

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported Thursday that Cummins was ousted after Harriet E. Miers, the former White House Counsel, intervened on Griffin's behalf.

Miers' role was disclosed Wednesday by Justice Department officials during a private briefing for senators on the Judiciary Committee, the Times reported. The officials denied that the White House played a part in any of the other dismissals, the newspaper said.

Officials at the White House and Justice Department declined to comment on Miers' role in the matter, and Miers, whose resignation took effect Jan. 31, could not be reached for comment Thursday, according to the Times.

Pryor's spokesman, Michael Teague, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on Thursday, after Griffin said he was withdrawing his name from consideration, that Gonzales himself had called Pryor earlier Thursday "and told the senator he was not going to submit Tim Griffin's name."

Teague said Gonzales "didn't give a reason," but said he would confer with Rep. John Boozman, the state's only Republican in the delegation, to find someone else to nominate.

During that conversation, "the senator told the attorney general, 'It's my preference that you send him through the confirmation hearing.'" Teague said.

He said Pryor made that statement despite his complaints about the way Griffin got the job "because that's the process. That's the way the founding fathers set it up."

Griffin said that neither Gonzales nor anyone else told him or suggested to him that he bow out.

"I made up my mind two weeks ago not to allow my name to go forward," he said. "I have informed people both at the Department of Justice and the White House that I do not desire to have my name submitted. I don't want to be part of that partisan circus."

Teague called Griffin's remarks about partisanship "baseless." He said Pryor is well-known and has even been criticized by fellow Democrats for being "fair and open" about President Bush's judicial nominees, of whom he has supported more than 100 and opposed fewer than a dozen.

Teague pointed out that Pryor even testified that "the way the White House has handled this has been a disservice to Tim Griffin."

Teague said Pryor has encouraged Griffin to go through the confirmation process, to clear up any questions about his background and his experience. The spokesman emphasized that Pryor's concerns were "not about a nomination" but "about the administration circumventing the process."

Griffin later responded, "It's unfortunate that Sen. Pryor is blaming the administration for using a law that he voted for to appoint me, apparently with the excuse that he didn't know what he was voting for when he voted. I think it's been a disservice to me the way my home-state senator has treated a fellow Arkansan, and an Arkansan who grew up in south Arkansas, 30 miles from his dad's hometown of Camden."

Griffin also said, "I spoke to Sen. Pryor when I was serving in Iraq [in 2006], and later spoke to him in his office in Washington, and on both occasions the senator directly questioned my credentials and indicated it was 'mighty presumptuous' of the White House and me that I could do the U.S. attorney job."

Teague insisted that Pryor's diligence in pursuing the matter is neither partisan nor personal.

Talking Points

- The suggestion that David Iglesias was asked to resign because he failed to bring an indictment over a courthouse construction contract is flatly false.
- This Administration has never removed a United States Attorney in an effort to retaliate against them or inappropriately interfere with a public integrity investigation. Furthermore, in the last six years, the Department has demonstrated its extremely strong record rooting out public corruption including prosecuting a number of very high profile cases.
- David Iglesias was confirmed in 2001 to a four-year term as U.S. Attorney in New Mexico and was allowed to extend his service for an additional year and a half. During his 5 ½ years of service, we had a lengthy record from which to evaluate his performance as a manger and we made our decision not to further extend his service based on performance-related concerns.
- U.S. Attorneys [as directed by the U.S. Attorney Manual] are aware that all Congressional calls are to be directed to the Department of Justice's Office of Legislative Affairs and we are unaware that anyone in Main Justice was notified of any conversations between U.S. Attorney Iglesias and members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

If asked ONLY whether the main Justice Department or the White House was contacted about the performance of former U.S. Attorney David Iglesias:

- The Department is occasionally contacted about the performance of U.S. Attorneys by home-state Senators and gives those comments the appropriate consideration. [IF PUSHED] We will not discuss specific conversations between members and the Department on these occasions.

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THURSDAY'S EXPECTED EVENTS/RELEASES:

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Questions regarding logistics should be directed to Jonathan Block []

Goodling, Monica

From: Scott-Finan, Nancy
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2007 4:07 PM
To: Goodling, Monica; Moschella, William; Hertling, Richard; Seidel, Rebecca
Cc: Sampson, Kyle; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Roehrkasse, Brian; Scolinos, Tasia
Subject: RE: USA docs

www.CNN.com has an article in which Domenici admits contacting Iglesias about a case but says not pressuring him.

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2007 5:56 PM
To: Moschella, William; Hertling, Richard; Seidel, Rebecca; Scott-Finan, Nancy
Cc: Sampson, Kyle; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Roehrkasse, Brian; Scolinos, Tasia
Subject: USA docs

Will -- Here are two additional docs that you requested on Friday -- short stat doc and a couple of points on the EARS reports. They can be shared publicly as well.

<< File: EARS Reports.pdf >> << File: Short USA stat talkers.pdf >>

Goodling, Monica

From: Roehrkasse, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 11:59 AM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG); Scolinos, Tasia; McNulty, Paul J; Goodling, Monica; Moschella, William; Sampson, Kyle; Mercer, William W
Subject: FW: Please respond asap
Attachments: e-mail.pdf



e-mail.pdf (71 KB)

-----Original Message
From: Kellman, Laurie []
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 11:54 AM
To: Roehrkasse, Brian
Subject: RE: Please respond asap

Sri, I meant to attach Cummins' email...trying again. Let me know if you don't have it.

-----Original Message-----
From: Roehrkasse, Brian [mailto:Brian.Roehrkasse@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 11:35 AM
To: Kellman, Laurie
Subject: RE: Please respond asap

Did he say he "didn't view it as a threat"? Or did I mishear?

-----Original Message-----
From: Kellman, Laurie []
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 11:21 AM
To: Roehrkasse, Brian
Subject: Please respond asap

Brian we have your previous comment, but I'd appreciate a fresh response to this email. Is cummins making it up? Did he misunderstand?

Goodling, Monica

From: Scolinos, Tasia
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 7:02 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle; Goodling, Monica; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Moschella, William; Hertling, Richard; Roehrkas, Brian
Subject: RE: Sen. Pryor Letter re Tim Griffin

I think this is very good.

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 5:08 PM
To: Goodling, Monica; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Moschella, William; Hertling, Richard; Scolinos, Tasia; Roehrkas, Brian
Subject: FW: Sen. Pryor Letter re Tim Griffin
Importance: High

Word doc is my draft response, which attempts to do a couple things:

The attached

- * respond to the allegation that we troglodytes discriminatorily passed over the FAUSA because she is a pregnant mother out on maternity leave; and
- * box Pryor in -- make him go on the record as supporting or opposing Griffin.

Queries:

- * cc Lincoln?
- * Monica, we'll need an updated fact sheet with new noms and new AG appts accounted for.

Comments asap are appreciated.

<< File: Pryor Letter re Griffin.doc >>

From: Washington, Tracy T
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 10:27 AM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Sen. Pryor Letter re Tim Griffin

<< File: Senator Mark Pryor Ltr. re Tim Griffin.pdf >>

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U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Room 5114
Washington, DC 20530

Goodling, Monica

From: Hertling, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 12:10 PM
To: Goodling, Monica
Subject: RE: Response to Pryor Letter

thx

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 12:05 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle; Elston, Michael (ODAG); Hertling, Richard
Subject: RE: Response to Pryor Letter

Richard -- I just need to resolve Arizona (transition is today) before the fact sheet can be finalized. Rebecca is working on the calls to McCain and Kyl right now. As soon as that's resolved, I'll shoot it down to you.

From: Sampson, Kyle
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 11:31 AM
To: Elston, Michael (ODAG); Hertling, Richard
Cc: Goodling, Monica
Subject: Response to Pryor Letter
Importance: High

Mike/Richard, the attached letter incorporates DOJ edits and WH edits (and has been "cleared" by WH). I think that we need to get it up today, well in advance of Paul's hearing next week -- if (God forbid) Pryor shows up at the hearing as a witness and alleges that he wasn't consulted, we discriminated against the FAUSA, we have a conspiracy to keep Tim in office, etc., etc., then we'll want to have this letter to wave around.

Mike, given Paul's equities, I think you should review and clear. Once cleared, we should get it up ASAP.

Richard/Monica, the letter refers to the fact sheet, so Monica will need to provide the most up-to-date fact sheet to go with the letter as an enclosure.

Thanks! << File: Pryor Letter re Griffin.doc >>

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Goodling, Monica

From: Goodling, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 7:01 PM
To: Sampson, Kyle
Subject: Re: Boozeman correspondence

I guess we can/should at this point; just thought we should exhaust our own resources first.

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

From: Sampson, Kyle
To: 'Oprison, Christopher G.' []
Sent: Tue Feb 13 18:54:24 2007
Subject: RE: Boozeman correspondence

] Goodling, Monica

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From: Oprison, Christopher G. []
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To: Sampson, Kyle; Goodling, Monica
Subject: Re: Boozeman correspondence

I will call first thing in the morning. We wanted to check the archived material first and avoid spotlighting our efforts unless we had no other options.

Christopher G. Oprison
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I contacted Matt Sagely in Boozman's office this morning and alerted him to this. I have not heard back. Did this meeting go forward today or has it been postponed. If the latter, I will reach out to him again to see if we can obtain a copy of any archived letter re: Tim.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 7:32 PM
To: Oprison, Christopher G.
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Yes, wasn't sure what their reax would be to us asking. But doesn't seem like we have any other options at this point...

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From: Oprison, Christopher G. []
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Sent: Tue Feb 13 19:05:32 2007
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Subject: Boozeman saying did not rec Griffin in 2004 but did not oppose

We still can't find his letter and Boozeman's office says he recommended []