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

I agree, but don't think it really should matter where we park him here, as AG will appoint him forthwith to be USA. (Is Cummins gone?)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Subject: FW: Arkansas Article on Cummins

FYI

The final days
Arkansas Times Staff
Updated: 8/24/2006

U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins of Little Rock says he'll likely be leaving his job in the next few "weeks or months," but almost certainly by the end of the year. He'd earlier told us he didn't intend to serve out the entirety of the Bush administration's second term and that he'd be looking for private sector work.

More newsy, perhaps, is who Cummins' successor might be. Informed sources say one possibility for a White House nomination is Tim Griffin, an Arkansas native who has worked in top jobs at both the Republican National Committee and the White House on hard-charging political opposition research.

Though Griffin, currently finishing a military obligation, spent one year in Little Rock as an assistant U.S. attorney, his political work would likely get more attention - and Democratic opposition - in the Senate confirmation process. He'd likely have to endure some questioning about his role in massive Republican projects in Florida and elsewhere by which Republicans challenged tens of thousands of absentee votes. Coincidentally, many of those challenged votes were concentrated in black precincts.

If not Griffin, state Rep. Marvin Childers is another Arkansas lawyer whose name has been mentioned by prominent Republicans to serve out Cummins' term.