

Scolinos, Tasia

From: Scolinos, Tasia
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 2:00 PM
To: 'Catherine_Martin@who.eop.gov'
Subject: RE: USA replacement plan

Thanks for flagging - we are not looped in - first I have heard of it. Let me call up there and figure out what is happening here and get back to you.

Also, neither Brian nor I can be on the 3:30 call by the way - conflicting meetings - let me know if that is a problem.

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From: Catherine_Martin@who.eop.gov [mailto:Catherine_Martin@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 1:29 PM
To: Scolinos, Tasia
Subject: Fw: USA replacement plan
Importance: High

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From: Kelley, William K.
To: Fiddelke, Debbie S.; Jennings, Jeffery S.; Martin, Catherine
Sent: Fri Nov 17 12:32:06 2006
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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 11:02 AM
To: Miers, Harriet; Kelley, William K.
Cc: Paul.J.McNulty@usdoj.gov
Subject: USA replacement plan
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- Paul Charlton (D. Ariz.)
- Carol Lam (S.D. Cal.)
- Margaret Chiara (W.D. Mich.)
- Dan Bogden (D. Nev.)
- John McKay (W.D. Wash.)
- David Iglesias (D.N.M.)

The one common link here is that three of them are along the southern border so you could make the connection that DOJ is unhappy with the immigration prosecution numbers in those districts.

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Which ones are they?

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From: Tasia.Scolinos@usdoj.gov
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