

**Goodling, Monica**

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**From:** Roehrkasse, Brian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007 11:21 AM  
**To:** Goodling, Monica  
**Subject:** RE: NM USATTY - urgent issue

Yes.

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

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**To:** Roehrkasse, Brian  
**Subject:** Re: NM USATTY - urgent issue

With dag and going into prep for will's briefing on house side. Can you come up for prep and to discuss this?

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**From:** Roehrkasse, Brian  
**To:** Elwood, Courtney; Goodling, Monica; Scolinos, Tasia; Hertling, Richard  
**CC:** Sampson, Kyle  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 28 10:47:31 2007  
**Subject:** RE: NM USATTY - urgent issue

My question is why would members of Congress and a U.S. Attorney be discussing the timing on a criminal indictment? Doesn't it seem odd that he would even acknowledge that?

Monica, can you please call me?

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**From:** Elwood, Courtney  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007 10:34 AM  
**To:** Goodling, Monica; Roehrkasse, Brian; Scolinos, Tasia; Hertling, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: NM USATTY - urgent issue

I have spoken to McNulty, who will reach out to WH Counsel's Office.

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**To:** Elwood, Courtney  
**Subject:** FW: NM USATTY - urgent issue  
**Importance:** High

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From: Jennings, Jeffery S.  
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 10:17 AM  
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Cc: 'Sara Taylor'  
Subject: NM USATTY - urgent issue  
Importance: High

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.

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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