



TO: Interested Parties
RE: Monegan Inquiry Update
DATE: September 16, 2008

For the third day in a row, important new information arose in the inquiry of Walt Monegan's dismissal as Alaska's Public Safety Commissioner. On Friday, it was revealed that two Alaska legislators – both open Obama supporters – had conspired with Steve Branchflower, the “independent” investigator leading the inquiry, to discuss the recipients of subpoenas. Yesterday, emails were made public that proved Monegan's dismissal was caused by budgetary disputes with Gov. Palin and repeated acts of insubordination. Monegan has alleged that the continued employment of state trooper Mike Wooten led to his dismissal, but yesterday's emails clearly indicate otherwise.

Today, two separate lawsuits were filed seeking to end the hyper-politicized inquiry through a court order. Citing the partisan political tampering and unauthorized conduct of Senator Hollis French, Senator Kim Elton and investigator Steve Branchflower, a group of Alaska legislators filed a lawsuit in Anchorage seeking to end the proceedings, while a group of concerned citizens did the same in Fairbanks.

The bottom line is this inquiry is being led by Obama operatives with a partisan agenda to harm Sarah Palin.

Below please find a brief summary of the key players in this inquiry.

KEY PLAYERS IN MONEGAN INQUIRY

Walter Monegan: Monegan was replaced by Gov. Palin as Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety due to repeated insubordination and budgetary disputes. After first saying that he didn't know why he was dismissed, he now claims that he was removed because he refused to fire Gov. Palin's former brother-in-law, Trooper Michael Wooten.

Trooper Michael Wooten: Wooten was married to Gov. Palin's sister, Molly McCann. Wooten was cited for tasing his 10-year-old step-son, drinking beer in his squad car and illegally killing a moose. It was reported that he also threatened to kill Sarah Palin's father. He is the subject of a Domestic Violence Protective Order.

Sen. Hollis French: Project Director and Senate Judiciary chairman French has endorsed Obama and appears prominently in a picture at an Obama event on Obama's campaign website. He has made numerous inappropriate and partisan comments before and during the course of this investigation revealing that he has unethically prejudged this inquiry. On July 21, before one fact had been investigated, French stated during a radio interview that this inquiry is an “examination of a personnel matter that just went way out of bounds.” He has recklessly and irresponsibly stated that the report is a “preliminary report” toward the impeachment of Gov. Palin. French also said the McCain/Palin team “may have to deal with an October surprise” in regard to committee's final report.

Sen. Kim Elton: Chairman, Joint Legislative Council. Elton has endorsed Obama and contributed \$2,000 to his presidential campaign. Elton also appears at the Obama event picture on Obama website. After Sarah Palin was announced as John McCain's running mate, Elton moved the deadline for the report to October 10, right in the middle of the Presidential campaign. Despite a majority of the Legislative Council members demanding to meet to reconsider the investigation, Elton refuses to reconvene the Legislative Council.

Steve Branchflower: "Independent" investigator appointed by the Joint Legislative Council. Branchflower, a former law enforcement colleague of Monegan's in Anchorage, personally lobbied for the position and was appointed by Kim Elton. He was recently exposed for secretly colluding with Hollis French about issuing subpoenas in this investigation. He was supposed to conduct the inquiry in a fair and non-partisan manner. He has not done so. Additionally, Branchflower's wife used to work for Monegan.



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