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Subject Re: followup [REDACTED]

Fred,

To call this surveillance is a stretch. You saw the document. It's a log. Nothing more, nothing less.

You need to know the following: Joe's request for SP coverage was quite out of the ordinary. It went directly to the local barracks. And it was not couched in security terms at all. Instead, it was a request for a SP driver to get him around town. Keep in mind he has cars and drivers in the city. He wanted the SP apparently because they could get him around town more effectively. In fact, he often wanted lights and sirens, but that's against policy. Only in emergencies.

Security issues, ie the death threats, came up only this week. And logically, if security really was the concern, he would have sought coverage elsewhere beyond NYC. Indeed, since all of the threats were in the Capitol region, it seems strange that he didn't want coverage up here, only in NYC.

I'm told that the logs were kept in part to protect the SP who were driving him. There was an incident late last year in which Mike Long called to complain about Joe bringing armed troopers into his fundraising event. Long thought it was highly inappropriate and it probably was. Recalling that incident, the SP made some changes, keeping their people in the background, going unmarked, and, yes, keeping basic records, ie logs.

I maintain that all of this was the right response. I further maintain that we had no other option than to respond to Odat's FOIL in the manner that we did. Finally, I maintain that scrutiny of public officials' use of state property is always a good thing.

Hope you have a good 4th.

DD

PS: Joe's comments on fundraising, on security, on so-called threats by Spitzer do not stand up. Too many inconsistencies. Why, for example, won't he just release his schedule, as we did? Why no request for a threat assessment or for coverage in Albany? Why the sudden recollection of Spitzer alleged violent outburst?

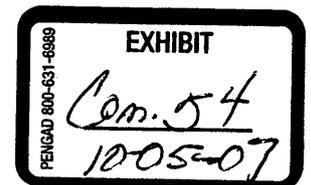
Finally, it just came to me that Lovell and McArdle are calling around to lobbyists, urging them to say that they met with Bruno at the Sheraton on May 17. Meeting with lobbyists in the hotel lobby on the night of a fundraiser -- a "legislative business meeting." Some defense, no?

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No, you're saying the SP SHOULD keep a record of where it drives Joe Bruno. I would like to see the same record for Gov Spitzer and LG Paterson, showing all the stops throughout each day. Otherwise, this looks like selective surveillance.

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