
From: Lerner Lois G
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 8:54 AM
To: Williams Grant; Kindell Judith E
Cc: Lemons Terry L; Eldridge Michelle L
Subject: Re: Update: Bloomberg and non-c-3 groups

My computer crashed yesterday and my Blackberry doesn't work in my office so I just saw this. Unfortunately, I am tied up until at least 12 and because Blackberry truncates, I can't see bottom of email. From what I can see --work plan was made public in Dec. As always when we do work plan, it is built around the resources we have and anticipate for the year. He seems to think resources are separate from projects. That is the point of developing a work plan --how best to allocate the resources we have. So, if I have staff to do 100 audits, you wouldn't see an increase in the # of audits --we would divide them out internally according to what we want to look at. Also, we often use the ROO to do initial research before starting audits--they don't touch taxpayers, but can look at publicly available info about orgs. Hope this is useful. Do we need to talk when I get out of here? I am at 1111

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: Williams Grant
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 07:14 PM
To: Lerner Lois G; Kindell Judith E
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Hi everyone,

Chuck Babcock of Bloomberg wrote me this (Monday) afternoon and said that tomorrow "may be" the last chance for us to respond to his questions -- it's the first time he's referred to a deadline. He followed up later by thanking us for sticking with him through his inquiries.

Below I'll paste in the key parts of his most recent messages (which you haven't seen); you'll get an idea of what he is focusing on at what may be the end of his reporting efforts. Please let me know how you'd like to handle his questions. One is about the date of the current EO Work Plan; I believe it was released to the public in December 2010?

On down below I'll paste in an e-mail message to Mr. Babcock -- which I've drafted but not yet sent -- that is based on the material that Judy provided us the other day. If you give me a final go-ahead, I'll send it to Mr. Babcock tomorrow (Tuesday) morning.

Meanwhile, I'm combing through all his questions to date to see if I've missed anything that I should re-bring to your attention. I told Mr. Babcock that I'd call him tomorrow to touch base and I'll let you know right away what he says.

Thank you,

Grant

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MR. BABCOCK'S MOST RECENT EMAILS:

--- progress on any of my newest questions? and what btw is the date of the eo director's FY 2011 work plan that mentions "we are increasing our focus on 501c4,5 and 6 org? i asked about manpower for that. more bottom line, what evidence can you cite to show you are doing what the director said. specifics such as audits have increased from x to y? or what?

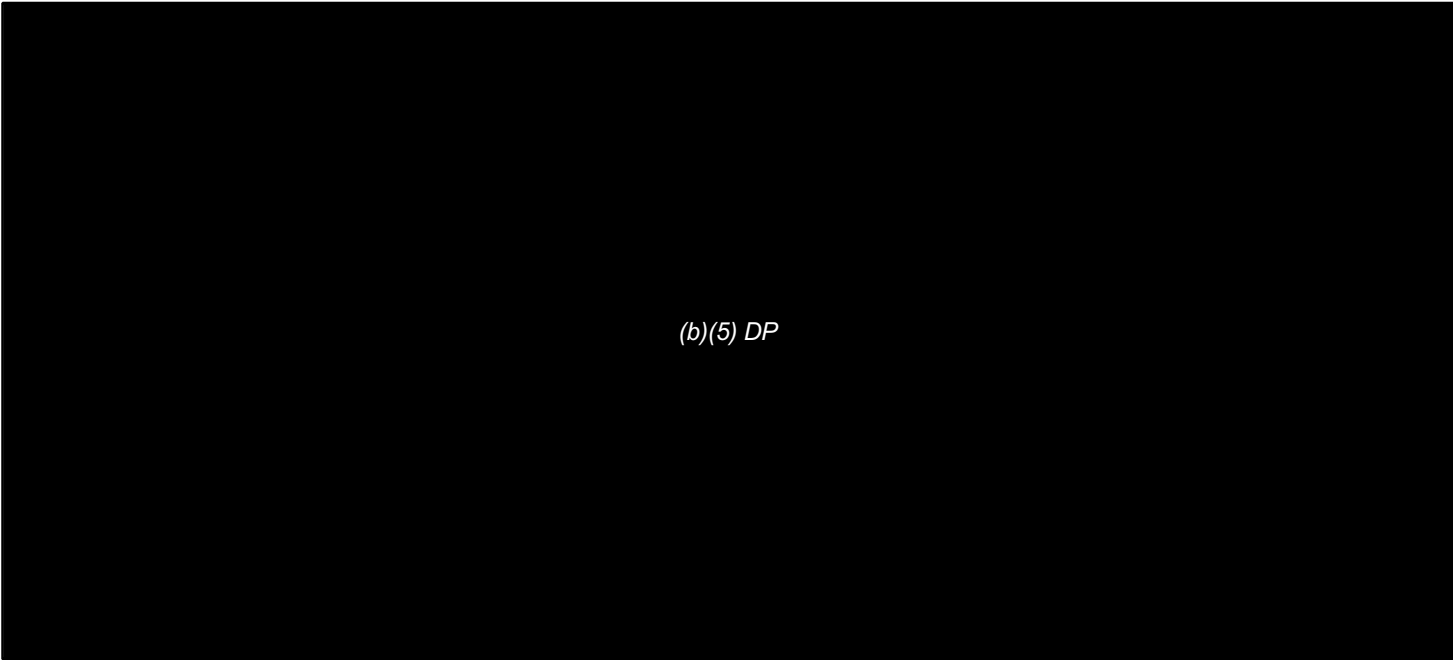
-- Checking back on progress on my queries. Like date of the 2011 work plan and evidence the irs is focusing more on c4 - 6s including political activity. Thanks.

-- Any news today? Running out of time. Tomorrow [Tuesday the 14th] may be last chance. Particularly need answers on evidence you can cite that EO folks taking a closer look at 501cs as work plan said, and whether any c4 or c6 has ever had exemption revoked for political activity. if so, would like details of course

-- thanks again for sticking with this.

MY DRAFT MESSAGE TO MR. BABCOCK (that I'll send to him when you give me the green light):

Hi Chuck,



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I'll give you a call soon today to touch base, Chuck.

Sincerely,

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