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From: Todd Palin [fek9wnr@yahoo.com]
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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Dillon response

Sharon,

FYI.

When I spoke with Harris I didn't mention Bitneys name at all. Bitney is a master at having other people do his dirty work, his co-workers. For Dillon to say that I have great influence (I don't) would only come from Bitney.

Do you remember what happened right after I'll called Harris, Bitney wrote a letter to the editor for Harris supporting me going back to work.

Thanks Todd

--- gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote:

> I think this is sick, really.

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> I'm going to send it to Meg if you haven't already

> done so.

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> Who is this reporter, anyway? I know he's from

> Fairbanks, but what's his beef with us - and

> disparaging comments about Meg are unacceptable.

> Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)"

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> Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 12:33:55

> To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

> Subject: Dillon response

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> Governor-

> I called Dillon on this. I wanted him to be clear

> that Meghan had a very difficult pregnancy and has

> nothing but the deepest respect for you and your

> administration. He appreciated the call. He did

> tell me that he knew Todd had called Speaker Harris

> to complain about Bitney. I'm sure it was Bitney

> who called Dillon – thus the land mine comment.

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> Alaskan Abroad

> The ever-shrinking inner circle

> New mom Meghan Stapleton is leaving the Palin

> administration to spend more time with her growing

> family. Her departure reduces Palin's inner circle

> to, well basically one plus her husband Todd.

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> Palin's closest advisers since the campaign have

> been Meghan, Mike Tibbles and John Bitney. Not even

> a year into the term and only Tibbles remains. Todd

> Palin has great influence over decisions coming from

> the Third Floor as well, but no one expects him to

> go anywhere.

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> There's some interesting speculation over Meghan's

> departure. Was it on good terms? These types of

> splits are always described as friendly, but seldom

> are. Bitney's exit was made at bayonet-point and

> he's now for the administration a political land

> mine waiting to go off. Meghan could be even more so

> in the future. It's no secret that she has political

> aspirations of her own. But let's give her the

> benefit of the doubt. Being a new mom is hard work

> and the position of lead flak for the governor would

> be stressful for anyone.

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> Maybe Meghan will reappear on the political scene,

> maybe not. Until then we'll be watching what Andrew

> Halcro says about her.

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> Palin's new press person is Beth Leschper. Beth's

> husband, Lee, is the advertising director for the

> Juneau Empire. They moved to the state in 2005, so

> Beth has a bit of catch up to do on Alaska issues.

> Welcome to the show.

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> Belated praise for Leighow

> In my previous post about Meghan Stapleton's exit

> from Planet Palin, I forgot to mention the good job

> Sharon Leighow is doing as assistant press

> secretary. Sharon got thrown into the deep end when

> Meghan went on maternity leave and has had to juggle

> a heavy load of Alaskan and Outside press requests.

> I harass Sharon on a weekly basis and she always

> does her best to meet my early East Coast deadline.

> I much appreciate a spokesperson who responds in a

> timely manner even to potentially hostile questions.

> Thanks.

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http://alaskanabroad.typepad.com/an_alaskan_abroad/2007/10/belated-praise-.html

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