

RAHM'S 21 CONVERSATIONS WITH BLAGOJEVICH AND FRIENDS?

I've been boring you all by repeatedly pointing to this passage in the complaint against Blago:

This affidavit does not include all calls dealing with the corrupt efforts of ROD BLAGOJEVICH, JOHN HARRIS, and others to misuse the power of ROD BLAGOJEVICH to appoint a United States Senator for the personal gain of ROD BLAGOJEVICH and his family, nor does this affidavit set forth other calls where ROD BLAGOJEVICH and others discussed a possible appointment to the Senate seat based on considerations other than financial gain for ROD BLAGOJEVICH and his family, **discussions which took place with greater frequency after efforts to arrange for a private job for ROD BLAGOJEVICH in exchange for appointing a particular candidate to the open Senate seat did not meet with success.** [my emphasis]

I have even suggested that, given the narrative Fitz constructs, it is quite likely that those discussions—which took place with greater frequency after Obama told Blago they'd only give "appreciation" and not a high paying job—took place between Rahm Emanuel and Blago's folks.

Well, who knows who is using Michael Sneed as a mouthpiece this time ... but my speculation that Rahm was involved in those "greater frequency" calls seems to be on the right track.

Sneed hears rumbles President-elect Barack Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, is reportedly on 21 different

taped conversations by the feds –
dealing with his boss' vacant Senate
seat!

A lot of chit-chat?

Hot air?

Or trouble?

Given the seemingly Rahm-generated leaks so far, it seems we can count on two conversations around November 1 (delivering the list of acceptable candidates, thereby setting Blago off to write a list of things to demand in return), several conversations around November 10 (telling Blago that the only thing he'd get would be appreciation), and then a conversation after Blago planned to start trading around Rahm's House seat on November 13.

That is, we can account for about 7 conversations between the complaint and the seeming pre-emptive leaking out of Rahm's camp.

Which would seem to leave phone calls with "greater frequency" in the days after November 13, when Blago kept scrambling for something of value from the President-elect. But note, if I'm right that these conversations are about something of non-monetary value, then they may get even more interesting as we go forward.