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To: Griffin Townsend, Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security

From: Olivia Worley

Date: April 13, 2020

Re: Consultant Update

Dear Griffin,

Please tell Ellery that I need more time to develop my syllabus day report. I began a draft but then the mess with Bronstein got so much worse, and I've lost valuable work time over it. I would tell Ellery and ask for a replacement, but I don't want her to think I can't handle this. I don't want her to think that it was a bad idea giving me this project, and that I'm causing her unnecessary hassle. I know it's stupid. I know that I shouldn't let this worry me because it's just my own internalized sexism talking, and I'm thinking like the uber-feminist Ellery Sanders wouldn't support me. But also I'm worried that she's just faking it all, and we're all just faking it because we want to do a good job, and we are so deep in bureaucracy that we can't stand the thought of more work or more delegation or more outsourcing.

I've filed an official harassment complaint with H.R., but I don't want Ellery to see it. Please don't tell her. Please. I need to handle this myself.

Here are some of the things that he has said to me, and this is just from today:



Comrade Professor Today at 8:19 AM

After reading your email I can agree with you on one point
the facade of working voluntarily must be maintained

8:21 AM

if only so I don't have to deal with another dressing down from a vegetable with
NO NUTRITIONAL BENEFIT





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Comrade Professor Today at 10:42 PM

future employment by butt

just because my compliance is malicious doesn't mean it isn't compliance and you and I both know it

there are more important things in the world than employment and money

I will work for the department of homeland **surveillance** for as long as I have to and not one day more



Comrade Professor Today at 8:32 PM

Okay so note to self the "ta" resorts to pulling rank and careerism over winning friends and having a life because the government doesn't give too shits about us or this godforsaken assignment... got it

Olivia I literally don't get paid enough to deal with you seeing as I don't get paid at all and nowhere in my parole does it require I be nice to people so I'm going to have to back up Julian on this one

especially since the only reason any of this doesn't crash and burn, like our first lecture, is because they try hard to prevent it from doing so

as far as I'm concerned this whole project could be run by headless chimpanzees for all the good it does

and the old man [@Benjamin Lang](#) wouldn't even notice if it stopped entirely because of all of his technological incompetence

so Olivia, with all due respect, could you tell me what you do exactly that we couldn't do ourselves and how any of this is a good use of taxpayer dollars?

Could you keep this record safe while I wait for the H.R. complaint to go through? I'm trying to speed along the investigation, but it could take months. I wish I could talk to you in person. I hate doing this informal email thing.

Also, I don't want to ask too much of this, but if you could maybe email the consultants and pretend to be a higher-up so you can tell them off? Maybe they would respect you more than me. Maybe they would finally listen. Ugh, I hate being so unsure of things.



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I miss you. Give my best to your family and your cats (I loved the photos). I hope to talk to you on the phone soon, as soon as we aren't so busy and things stop being so fake. I'll find a way to talk to Ellery as soon as I can.

Miss you, love you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olivia Worley".

Olivia Worley
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