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From: KWM EXTERNAL (NetRover)
Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2006 9:29 PM
To: Peter Allard
Cc: Sunny Ware

As per Denis' request I bought a camcorder for him to use in his campaign etc. I can charge it on my bill but the question is whether it should come out of Denis's budget?

I told him on Thursday that I expect him to complete a detailed budget for June to discuss with Paul and I. The idea is that it makes him think about what he wants to do and also plan ahead not to mention justify it to us so we can discuss and strategize as we go. I had already expressed my concern that he was in the practice of not paying his internet and cell phone bills and then telling us that was why he could not stay in touch. I told him that is no way to run a campaign since his people and us have to be able to interact with him in both modes on a timely basis. So Marnie got after paying for these both and I have instructed her to take it out of his budget off the top so he has no discretion there. With some patient explanations and consistency I think Denis will see the wisdom in doing it this way.

My mantra for him is : "I will run things now as I will when I am prime minister." The alternative is a slippery slope. I had earlier that day talked to Adrian Loveridge who recalled that on election night Denis called in a panic and said he needed cash which was clearly to try to compete with his opponents bribery of voters. I will keep it in mind and not mention it to Paul D who would not be impressed but I believe if we impose fiscal responsibility on Denis now and give him some mentoring he will not have to panic in that way.

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Subject: more on DLP

Author talks about BFP

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Excerpt from "Where The Blogging Is Political"

I read with interest a recent post on the ever-brilliant Gallimaufry that the Barbados Labour Party has started a blog.

In my opinion, this is huge.

Blogging is still in its infancy here in the Caribbean, and the purview of the young and technologically-savvy. It is astonishing to me that a political party in the Caribbean has caught on to the fact that blogging might be a powerful way to reach its people -- and, conversely, for the people to reach the party. Titilayo, the author of Gallimaufry, says it beautifully:

[The blog] could do with a bit of work right now (grammar is important, people! and so is presentation!), but I think that the blog has the potential to be a good way for the BLP to present its views, and to open itself up to dialogue with the public, both their supporters and their detractors. In that regard, it certainly puts them a step ahead of the other political parties, the Democratic Labour Party and the People's Empowerment Party, neither of which even has a functioning website. It will be interesting to see how the blog develops, particularly as it comes to more people's attention and visitor traffic increases.

Interestingly, Titilayo muses that the move by the BLP to start their own blog might have been motivated by the presence of another blog, the Barbados Free Press, an alternative, controversial, high-profile blog written by three individuals who aren't afraid to tell it like

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it is. If Titilayo is correct, and the BLP started their weblog in response to the Barbado Free Press? Then I say that this is a great day for citizen journalism -- for anything that forces any political party to listen to the people (or at least make motions to do so) is a good thing

Also Paul see the following

see the search threads below .

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So... straight to the meat with an advanced search of "charter for change" + "Barbados" gets you...

Comment.... It looks like Owen Arthur's attack on the BLP Thompson will be "He is a man with no charter for change"

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Oh and Paul the web sites we are going to get to work on are : Have 2 addresses on the brochure thecharterforchange@yahoo.com & thecharterforchange@gmail.com - strangely the website according to Denis Lowe is a page under the website www.electdenis.com , which he says they are still working on and may not be up and running! Will keep you posted but obviously needs work.

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P.S. note that I have several addresses for Denis and the Charter for Change. They obviously need work. Given that our internet people tell us Barbados is one of the Caribbean's most web savvy population and that Denis feels he needs to win more seats from the middle class in his riding (who presumably are more likely to use the web) I would think sprucing these up is a necessity. Also during the campaign keeping them current will be important.

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Sent: Saturday, May 27, 2006 3:47 PM
Subject: Charter for Change Owen Arrthur????

- > Hi Bill,
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- > it is nor suprising for Owen to neutralize or buy off
- > his competition
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- > since the island is famous for "thieving"
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- > or just plain stealing ---maybe somone should point
- > out that this is just another form of theft by the
- > Prime Minister from the Barbadian people and in this
- > case Dennis Lowe's hard efforts to introduce
- > fundamental and real change

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> Peter
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