... Vienna Waits for You FARHANG NIROOMAND'S FALL 2010 TRIP TO THE USDE

New documents coming into USMNEWS.net's <u>travel reports bureau</u> indicate that Farhang Niroomand, the former CoB associate dean who now serves as <u>the top man</u> in the University of Houston – Victoria's <u>business school</u>, made another trip to the U.S. Department of Education in Oct/Nov-2010. The first page of documents related to this 2010 trip shows just how complicated Niroomand's travel can get:

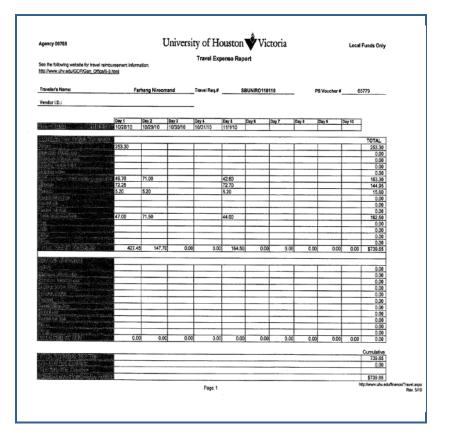
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On the page inserted above, Niroomand indicates to UH-V financial officers that his 5-day trip to D.C., covering 28-Oct-2010 through 1-Nov-2010, will not require lodging reimbursement because Niroomand lodged with "a colleague," a <u>familiar term</u> to those <u>who have followed</u> Niroomand's <u>domestic</u> and international movements over the past decade or so. Even so, Niroomand spent more than \$162 on cab rides during the weeklong stay. Note also the sloppy preparation in the insert above, which states that Niroomand "[f]lew to Washington D.C. to meet with . . . the grant proposal for the school of business and UHV." According to this page of reports, Texas taxpayers remained "on the hook" for almost \$750 in expenses.

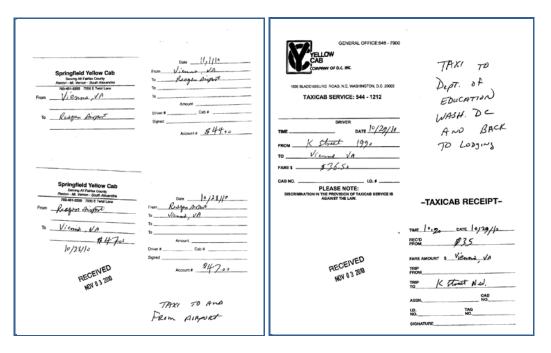
The approval history, inserted below, contains <u>the familiar name</u> of Suzanne LaBrecque, the <u>once-embattled UH-V</u> <u>provost</u> who, according to sources, "<u>took one</u>" for Niroomand in her last days as UH-V <u>provost in</u> May-2011.

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Niroomand's "Travel Expense Report," inserted below shows spending on 28-Oct, 29-Oct and 1-Nov of 2010.



Next, the inserts below show the taxi rides taken by Niroomand from the airport to his lodging, and vice-versa. They also show his trips from lodging to the USDE, and vice-versa.



As the inserts above point out, much of the expense associated with Niroomand's cab rides are the result of his "colleague" being located in Vienna, VA, instead in downtown D.C., nearer to the USDE building. Finally, a look at Niroomand's daily cab rides (in **red**) to visit the USDE is provided via the map below:

