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Beth,

I met with Gwen Green in regard to Ms. Widmer having quoted her as saying “any Mexican can go downtown Atlanta and get a passport.” Gwen said that Ms. Widmer did essentially quote her correctly, but she quoted it out of context. As Gwen told it to me, Ms. Widmer wanted to know how a foreign national could get a passport, and she replied “a Mexican can go to downtown Atlanta and get a passport.”

I gathered that Ms. Widmer is not Mexican, and that Gwen in no way meant to offend Ms. Widmer or Mexicans in general. Knowing Gwen as long as I have, I cannot believe that she would intend to make a slur against any nationality.

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