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CC: Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.; ATF
Sent: 5/3/2011 11:33:51 AM
Subject: FW: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.
Attachments: 3 4 2011 Grassley questions - proposed response.docx

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- (1) Although the gun used in the assault on Agent Zapata that has been traced back to the U.S. was purchased on October 10, 2010, how can we know that it did not make its way down to Mexico after the November investigation, when the arrest of these three criminals might have prevented the gun from being trafficked and later used to murder Agent Zapata?

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- (2) When did law enforcement first become aware that ATF purchased the gun?

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- (3) Given that the likely recipients of any trafficked guns were so close to the border, did any ATF personnel raise concerns about the possibility of those guns being used against U.S. law enforcement? If so, how did the ATF address those concerns?

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(4) Did any ATF personnel raise concerns about the wisdom of allowing individuals like the ATF ATF continue their activities after the November weapons transfer? If so, how did the ATF address those concerns?

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In addition to answering those questions, please provide all records relating to:

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(6) Surveillance that may have been conducted on the ATF ATF prior to the November

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(7) The November transfer; and

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(8) Any surveillance that law enforcement continued to conduct on the
after the November transfer.

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My comment and edits included.

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When it is approved for transmittal we can send it to OLA.

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Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO)
Sent: Mon May 02 17:26:08 2011
Subject: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.

Please see the enclosed draft response, which I crafted based upon my conversation earlier today with Chad, Kathy, and Gary. Greg has advised that ATF is working on providing info. Please advise if you have comments, questions, or concerns about this draft. If there is additional information we can provide, please send it to us. We've also shared this with Greg Maisal and the Bureau. Thanks. FB <<grassley osorio response.docx>>