

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 2:48:21 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Fw: Naco seizure

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: **ATF**

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----- Original Message -----

From: Newell, William D.

To: McMahon, William G.;

ATF

ATF

Sent: Wed Nov 25 14:13:53 2009

Subject: Naco seizure

Just found out Friday's **ATF** gun seizure in Naco directly links to an ongoing ATF Phoenix case by SA **ATF** OCDETF Strike Force. We are advising ICE to stand down on their current proactive activity in Arizona in order not to compromise our case. We are meeting with them on Monday to discuss.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2009 12:11 PM

To: Newell, William D.

CC: Needles, James R. [REDACTED] **ATF**

Subject: RE: FOTOS DE NUMERO DE SERIE ARMAS SONORA (segunda parte)

This will be done by Noon on Wednesday.

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2009 8:18 AM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Cc: Needles, James R.

Subject: Fw: FOTOS DE NUMERO DE SERIE ARMAS SONORA (segunda parte)

Due to the high-profile nature of this event and all the info/intel out there I want the FIG and Grp 7 to put together an analysis of the case to date with a chart showing the known or potential links between suspects, straws, etc and an investigative plan of action - one involving ICE. (Jim, today let's discuss your conversation with [REDACTED] on Wed.) I will then fwd to HQ. Thank you

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: [REDACTED] **ATF**

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From: [REDACTED] **ATF**

To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED] **ATF**

Cc: [REDACTED] **ATF**

Sent: Sun Nov 29 14:47:03 2009

Subject: RE: FOTOS DE NUMERO DE SERIE ARMAS SONORA (segunda parte)

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ALL FIREARMS AND OTHER INFORMATION IS ON FILE IN THE SEIZURE EVENT FILE IN NFORCE AND YOUR CASE AGENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ACCESS.

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Sent: Friday, November 27, 2009 12:22 PM

To: Newell, William D.

Cc: [REDACTED] **ATF**

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To: [REDACTED] ATF

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Importance: High

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To: Newell, William D.; PhoenixFIG

Sent: Fri Nov 27 11:06:10 2009

Subject: FW: FOTOS DE NUMERO DE SERIE ARMAS SONORA (segunda parte)

Enviado el: jue 26/11/2009 16:39

Para: [REDACTED] ATF

Asunto: FOTOS DE NUMERO DE SERIE ARMAS SONORA (segunda parte)

ATF

Phoenix, Arizona.

Adjunto envío a Usted las fotos de los números de serie del armamento asegurado en Naco, Sonora.

Saludos

Atte

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Cell: 6 [REDACTED] **ATF**

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 4:34 PM
To: [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: Re: Naco Seizure

Thank you, [REDACTED] appreciate the update.

Have a good day.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division

Cell: [REDACTED] ATF

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From: [REDACTED] ATF
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Tue Nov 24 16:07:22 2009
Subject: FW: Naco Seizure

George,

The latest from SA [REDACTED] ATF concerning the Naco, Sonora seizure.

[REDACTED] ATF

From: [REDACTED] ATF
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 2:04 PM
To: [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: Naco Seizure

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Attached is the information received from S/A Dubois on the interview of the female suspect:

[REDACTED] ATF

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From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 11:41 AM
To:
CC: ATF

Gillett, George T. Jr.; ATF

Subject: RE: Naco, Sonora seizure

Agreed. I didn't even mention the fact that following ATF

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Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
Office - (ATF

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Cc: ATF

Subject: RE: Naco, Sonora seizure

Bill,

I agree with your assessment.

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This is an issue for 99 NY Ave.

If it can't be resolved there then it won't be resolved here,

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ATF Attache-Mexico

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A good president, wrote 19th century historian Henry Adams, "resembles the commander of a ship at sea. He must have a helm to grasp, a course to steer, a port to seek."

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 10:22 AM
To: ATF
Cc: ATF

Gillett, George T. Jr.; ATF

Subject: Re: Naco, Sonora seizure

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To: Newell, William D.

Cc: **ATF**

Sent: Thu Jan 14 10:41:18 2010

Subject: FW: Naco, Sonora seizure

Bill,

You can read the train and see that that may be some confusion?

I am forwarding just as an fyi in case you need to de conflict with ICE

Take care

ATF

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I don't think this info is correct.

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From: **ATF**

To: **ATF**

Sent: Wed Jan 13 22:09:50 2010

Subject: Fw: Naco, Sonora seizure

Fyi

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From: ATF**To:****Cc:** ATF; Gillett, George T. Jr.;**Sent:** Wed Jan 13 19:35:53 2010**Subject:** RE: Naco, Sonora seizure

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From: ATF**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010 5:15 PM**To:****Cc:** ATF; Gillett, George T. Jr.;**Subject:** FW: Naco, Sonora seizure

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From: ATF**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010 2:27 PM**To:** ATF**Cc:****Subject:** RE: Naco, Sonora seizure

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ATF is responding to your earlier request. However, I can give you the info on the

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Field Intelligence Support Branch-SWB
Intelligence Research Specialist

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From: ATF

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 1:52 PM

To: ATF

Subject: RE: Naco, Sonora seizure

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 8:43 AM
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Subject: Naco, Sonora seizure
Importance: High

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Project Gunrunner

ATF has established four main objectives for Project Gunrunner:

1. Investigate individuals responsible for illicit firearms trafficking along the Southwest border.
2. Coordinate with U.S. and Mexican law enforcement along the border in firearms cases and violent crime.
3. Train U.S. and Mexican law enforcement officials to identify firearms traffickers and provide outreach education to gun dealers.
4. Trace all firearms to identify firearms traffickers, trends, patterns, and networks.

Background

ATF's Project Gunrunner – was launched in April, 2005 due to ATF forecasting, based on our unique historical experience and expertise combating firearms trafficking along the Southwest Border (SWB), that because of President Calderon's tough rhetoric against the Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) during his presidential campaign violence was going to drastically increase and along with it the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. This was in fact realized and the ongoing drug war in Mexico between the DTOs themselves, and the Government of Mexico against the DTOs, has created a lucrative firearms trafficking market.

Firearms are the DTOs "tools of the trade", as they are with violent criminals all over the world. A large percentage of the firearms being seized from Mexican DTOs and traced through ATF's National Tracing Center are of U.S.-source, that is either U.S. manufactured or imported into the U.S. legally.

The DTOs are interested in specific types of firearms or "weapons of choice" based on a specific need due to the ballistic characteristics and capabilities of certain types of firearms. The classification "weapons of choice" is based on the analysis by ATF of firearms traces out of Mexico and along the SWB. Current "weapons of Choice" trends include an increased interest over the past two years in .50 caliber rifles (penetrate armored vehicles) and 5.7x28mm caliber firearms (ability to penetrate certain levels of ballistic vests) as well as the traditional .223 and 7.62 caliber "assault-type" firearms.

Not just firearms but ammunition – ammo for weapons of choice is in very large demand in Mexico and short supply here in the U.S. 75-100 round drum magazines are in very high demand as well and have been seized in increasing numbers in Mexico over the past year.

Grenade issue – Hand and Rifle grenades are quickly becoming a new “weapon of choice”. Central American black market is a factor and concern as is those individuals in the U.S. who see an opportunity to make a profit by illegally manufacturing “homemade” grenades.

Signs of Success:

1. ATF and Mexican intelligence that the DTOs are becoming increasingly frustrated with our combined efforts to address the illegal trafficking of firearms from the U.S. to Mexico
2. Increase in price of trafficked firearms in Mexico
3. Smaller purchases by straws – no longer do we see the 15-20 purchased during a single transaction
4. The use of other firearms trafficking routes, e.g. Guatemala
5. Serial Number obliteration increasing

Main Focus – Work closely with our U.S. and Mexican law enforcement counterparts to focus ATF efforts on those criminal organizations that are illegally trafficking in firearms to violent drug trafficking organizations operating on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border. Main point is that we are focused on eliminating the **Illegal Sources** of firearms to these violent criminals as well as working with the industry to educate and alert them to the illegal schemes being used by the DTOs to acquire firearms in the United States. Finally, through joint efforts with the industry like the National Shooting Sports Foundation’s “Don’t Lie for the Other Guy” campaign, we strive to educate the public to the illegality of “straw purchasing” firearms, especially for those intent on trafficking them to Mexico and into the hands of violent DTO members.

Key Points:

1. Three Part Strategy:
 - a. **Enforcement:**
 - i. Focus on illegal sources of Weapons of Choice (WOC)
 1. Illegal Purchase(s) (Straws)

2. Illegal Sales (Complicit FFLs, Unlicensed sales at Gun Shows, Flea markets, Internet, etc.)
3. Illegal Possession (922(g))
- ii. Joint Investigations & Intelligence
 1. With U.S. LE – OCDETF Strike Force, etc
 2. With Mexican LE – PGR GC-Armas, CENAPI, SSP, etc.
 3. Use of ATF Intel, eTrace and NTC resources like Violent Crime Analysis Branch; use of EPIC, HIDTA, etc
- b. **Industry Compliance/Cooperation**
 - i. FFL and Public Outreach
 1. Compliance Inspections at FFLs
 2. Partnership with Industry – Education and Exchange of Information
 3. “Don’t Lie for the Other Guy” with NSSF
- c. **Training** of Mexican and U.S. LE
 - i. Firearms Id and Tracing
 - ii. Serial Number restoration
 - iii. Explosives Id and Safe-Handling

Phoenix Field Division growth as a result of Project Gunrunner funding:

- New Groups in Phoenix and Tucson, which are based out of the OCDETF Strike Forces due to the role ATF can play in dismantling the firearms trafficking activities of identified CPOTs and RPOTs.
- New Field Office in Las Cruces with a Satellite Office in Roswell.
- Additional Special Agents, Industry Operations Investigators, Intelligence Research Specialists and Investigative Analysts

Lastly:

- ATF’s unique statutory authority and investigative purview in identifying and disrupting not only the illicit **sources** of firearms bound for Mexico, but also in identifying and dismantling the criminal infrastructures that the DTO's exploit to acquire US sourced firearms, is key in addressing the firearms related violence on both sides of the SWB.

- Interdiction alone is not the answer, but instead is one tool in any successful strategy to stop guns from going to Mexico. ATF is the only agency having the expertise and authority to address the problem at the "source". Our strategy should be and is proactive, not solely reactive.
- The violence is not limited to the Mexican side of the border but affects the U.S. Border States too. In Phoenix, Arizona the nearly 400 kidnappings and home invasions - most by rival criminal groups - mimic closely the 500 or so kidnappings in Mexico City. ATF's primary focus on violent crime puts it in a unique position to proactively and positively affect the violence currently being experienced along the SWB due to the ongoing drug war in Mexico.

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 12:59 PM

To: [REDACTED] **ATF** (USAAZ)
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Firearms Investigation

ATF

The investigation you are referring to has been dubbed, "The Fast and Furious." This is an approved OCDETF investigation. I will have group supervisor [REDACTED] **ATF** coordinate with you to meet on this investigation. There is a briefing scheduled at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 5, at ATF Headquarters on this and other active, southwest border investigations. It may be most effective (if your schedule permits) to attend this briefing. However, I will have [REDACTED] **ATF** contact you on your cell phone to coordinate a meeting with you before the briefing so you can be completely up to speed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions/concerns.

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ATF - Phoenix Field Division

Office: [REDACTED] **ATF**

From: [REDACTED] **ATF**
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; [REDACTED] **ATF**
Cc: [REDACTED] **ATF**
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ATF

Trial Attorney

Gang Unit

Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., [REDACTED] **ATF**

Washington, DC 20530

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ATF

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Re: QSIs

Thanks. I would be enjoying my vacation if not for the constant barrage of questions coming from the Director's office on ATF Fast and Furious, ATF, etc. I'm taking care of it but I'm ready to fly to DC and knock some sense into those people.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Mar 17 11:17:08 2010
Subject: RE: QSIs

Roger that. I'll take care of it.

I hope you're enjoying your vacation!

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ATF

This e-mail serves as authorization for you to approve this personnel action on my behalf.

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Yes, to put them in the system?

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To: [REDACTED] ATF
Subject: FW: Friday SWB briefing

FYI -

From: Hoover, William J.
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:19 PM
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Thanks G. Will do!

William J. Hoover
Executive Assistant Director

[REDACTED] ATF

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 6:55 PM
To: Hoover, William J.
Subject: Friday SWB briefing

Hey Billy –

I hope all is well with you. I don't know if you will be attending the SWB briefing tomorrow at 1:00 PM your time, but one of my Group Supervisors, [REDACTED] ATF will be there. He's overseeing the OCDETF straw-purchase investigation with the guns going to Mexico. He's a new supervisor, and he's doing a fantastic job. If you're there, please ask him the really difficult questions; hopefully, he'll have the answers.... ☺ Actually, I know he'll have the answers – he was a Marine, too.

Take care,

George

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George -- sorry I did not get a chance to give you a heads up on this before the attorney reached out. Acting Dir reached out to DOJ on SWB strategic issues before Christmas and now they are reaching out for info. [REDACTED] ATF is a pretty fair guy. Let me know if you need any background info on him or the DOJ "plan."

[REDACTED] ATF
Chief, Criminal Intel Div
202-6 [REDACTED] ATF

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950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 12:24 PM

To: [REDACTED] **ATF**

CC:

Subject: FW:

ATF

Please Coordinate with [REDACTED] **ATF** to have [REDACTED] **ATF** go to Mexico and examine as many of these recovered weapons as possible. Please advise if there are any problems with this from the Division end.

George T. Gillett

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

ATF - Phoenix Field Division

Office: [REDACTED] **ATF**

From: [REDACTED] **ATF**

Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2010 9:47 AM

To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.;

[REDACTED] **ATF**

Subject: Re:

Thanks for the intel; our case just another recovery near [REDACTED] **ATF**

[REDACTED] **ATF**

we will wait to hear more - Thanks

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Sent: Sat Feb 27 12:27:03 2010

Subject: Fw:

FYI

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Cell: [REDACTED] **ATF**

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From: [REDACTED] **ATF**

To: Newell, William D.

Sent: Sat Feb 27 12:19:27 2010

Subject:

SEDENA recovered 167 guns last night in two separate events. Zacatecas and Culiacan. Most are AK's and AR's, 2 Barretts. SEDENA intel indicates "something big" going down in Culiacan, Sinaloa, home of Chapo. We are trying to get a look at seizure. It will be at least a few

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days. They might be from **ATF** case

ATF

Assistant Country Attache, Mexico City

ATF

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: 24 Friday, April 09, 2010 12:56:51 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Fw: SIR

You are correct.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted] ATF
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Thu Apr 08 22:43:58 2010
Subject: Re: SIR

Yes sir; Fast and Furious guns.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: [redacted] ATF
Sent: Thu Apr 08 22:08:09 2010
Subject: Fw: SIR

ATF

Can you answer the SAC's question?

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----- Original Message -----

From: Newell, William D.
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Thu Apr 08 22:02:13 2010
Subject: Fw: SIR

Fast and Furious?

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: [redacted] ATF

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-----²⁵Original Message -----
From: Champion, Robert R.
To: McMahon, William G.; Newell, William D.
Sent: Thu Apr 08 21:57:48 2010
Subject: Fw: SIR

FYI

We got called out last night on this.

Robert R. Champion
Special Agent in Charge

Dallas Field Division

ATF

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----- Original Message -----
From: Chisholm, Kenneth L.
To: Significant Activity Report; Champion, Robert R.
Sent: Thu Apr 08 21:13:14 2010
Subject: Fw: SIR

Reviewed and approved

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----- Original Message -----
From: **ATF**
To: **ATF** Champion, Robert R.; Chisholm, Kenneth L.; **ATF**
ATF
Sent: Thu Apr 08 20:11:56 2010
Subject: SIR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: April 08, 2010
FROM: Dallas Field Division
FIELD OFFICE: El Paso Field Office

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CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER:
CASE TITLE:
SPECIAL AGENT:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ATF

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SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

On April 8, 2010, Special Agents of the El Paso FO seized 20 AK-47 rifles.

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

On 04/07/2010, an El Paso PD Narco unit located approximately 290 lbs of Marijuana, 20 AK-47 rifles and miscellaneous gun parts at a residence in El Paso, Texas. EPPD arrested **ATF** for Possession of Marijuana. ATF seized the firearms on 04/08/2010. A check of the serial

ATF

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 10:54 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: FW: Director's questions

Please see the changes...

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Director's questions

George,

Here are the answers to what I understand the Director's questions to be. More detail can be provided upon request, I thought it best to start brief.

1. IP Address for Pole Cameras; ATF User id: ATF password: ATF his must be monitored from a stand-alone computer as ATF Network bandwidth does not permit continuous monitoring.
2. Money Transfers: FINCEN, CTRs, SARs, Western Union, Arizona Department of Economic Security, ATF Special Investigator ATF IRS-CID ATF etc.
3. ATF
4. How many seizure have been reviewed by our Mexico agents; to the best of my knowledge – three (3).
5. Nogales Seizure regarding ATF there are a couple ROIs in N-Force, one from Tucson who initially responded to this incident, and one from us when it was determined to be part of our case. But in summary;

ATF

I hope this is what you are looking for, please advise if you need/want more.

ATF

Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII

ATF

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:24 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] ATF

I'm sure that it will. Thanks again, and your assessment is absolutely correct!

G-

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:23 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] ATF

No problem, George. That is what we're here for. I am sure you guys have HQ in your business too much these days. I just want to make sure we get it right here. Hopefully, it will work tomorrow.

[REDACTED] ATF

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:20 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] ATF

Thank you for your assistance, [REDACTED] ATF Not sure if you know, but Mr. Melson and Mr. Hoover are being briefed weekly on this investigation [REDACTED] ATF so they are both keenly interested in case updates.

George

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:10 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Cc: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: RE: Tracker

No problem. No doubt, there should have been instructions and I was surprised that there were not.

[REDACTED] ATF

[REDACTED] ATF

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 2:59 PM

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: 29 Thursday, December 16, 2010 11:35:05 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; Newell, William D.
Subject: SIR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: December 16, 2010
FROM: Phoenix Field Division
FIELD OFFICE: Phoenix VII Field Office

CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER:
CASE TITLE:
SPECIAL AGENT:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ATF

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

Arrest of

ATF

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

ATF purchased three (3) AK-47 variant rifles from a Phoenix area FFL. On December 15, 2010, after the shooting death of a U.S. Border Patrol agent in Southern Arizona law enforcement officers/agents conducted a search of the area. Two (2) of the AK-47 variant rifles purchased by **ATF** were recovered in the area during this search.

On December 15, 2010, ATF agents located **ATF** and subsequently interviewed and arrested him **ATF**

ATF