

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2010 11:21 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Re: SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099)

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

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Sun Feb 14 23:20:52 2010
Subject: Re: SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099)

Still at Acosta's residence: **ATF**

George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division

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From: Newell, William D.
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Sun Feb 14 23:18:38 2010
Subject: Re: SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099)

Any movement on **ATF** I told HQ we had plenty of surveillance (loosely the truth) but that we may end
ATF After that we'll have to wait for the gun to get seized
before we can potentially get it back.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: **ATF** Newell, William D.; **ATF**
Cc: **ATF**
Sent: Sun Feb 14 22:27:38 2010
Subject: Re: SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099)

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The Op Plan is approved. Thank you!

George

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ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
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From: **ATF**
To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; **ATF** **ATF**
Cc: **ATF**
Sent: Sun Feb 14 21:05:45 2010
Subject: SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099)

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Attached is the SRT Operational Plan Draft (SRT-10-099) for the anticipated **ATF** operation scheduled to take place around noon on Wednesday February 17th. Please review this at your convenience and contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have and I will address them. This is mostly a duplication of the previously approved operational plan (SRT-10-86) with the primary changes being that of dates and personnel. Once I receive your Division's approval I will forward this operational plan to SOD for briefing to the appropriate DAD.

Thanks again for requesting the SRT's assistance in this investigation and we look forward to working with you all in the future.

S/A **ATF**
ATF-Special Response Team 3

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(F) 214-221-2996
(C) **ATF**

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 1:10 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 1-21-10.doc

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The Phoenix submission.

Have a great weekend.

George

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 4:20 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Cc: Quinonez, Louis A.; Needles, James R.

Subject: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

George,

Please review our division's SWB Briefing Paper submissions (attached). These should be forwarded to

[REDACTED] ATF

by C.O.B., tomorrow (January 22, 2010).

Thank you.

[REDACTED] ATF

, Acting Division Operations Officer

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**Investigations:**

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785115-10-6 **ATF** et al: This case is a large scale conspiracy between

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Tucson Group I

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 1:42 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: FW: SWB Briefing Paper - Phoenix Field Division Submissions

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 2-3-10.doc

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The Phoenix submission.

George

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 6:47 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Cc: Quinonez, Louis A.; Needles, James R.; Cook, Nancy F.

Subject: SWB Briefing Paper - Phoenix Field Division Submissions

George,

Please review our division's submissions for the SWB Briefing Paper. Our submissions should be forwarded to

[REDACTED] ATF

by C.O.B. this Friday February 5th.

NOTE: The SAC advised he wanted to see entries from our industry operations groups. I spoke with DIO Cook and emailed each area supervisor. Each area supervisor has provided good submissions, in the past. Each explained they are continuing to look for any appropriate items to report. Many of our industry operations investigators are currently working on an explosives initiative which, to date, has lead to no southwest border related leads.

Thank you.

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

Investigations:

Phoenix Group VII

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785115-10- **ATF** et al

This case is **ATF**

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Tucson Group I

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 4:31 PM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division Submission SWB Briefing Paper

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 2-18-10.doc

[REDACTED] ATF

Attached is the Phoenix submission.

Thanks!

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:15 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Cc: Quinonez, Louis A.; Cook, Nancy F.; Needles, James R.

Subject: Phoenix Field Division Submission SWB Briefing Paper

George,

Please review and forward the attached as our division's submissions for the next SWB Briefing Paper. This submission is due to [REDACTED] ATF by C.O.B., tomorrow.

Thank you.

[REDACTED] ATF

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**Investigations:****Phoenix Group I****ATF****Phoenix Group VII****ATF**785115-10 **ATF** et al**ATF****Las Cruces Group I**

From: ATF

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 6:08 PM

To: ATF

CC: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 3-4-10.doc

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Here is our latest submissions for the SWB Briefing Paper. Thank you.

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**Investigations:****Phoenix Group I – Yuma Satellite Office****ATF****Phoenix Group VII****ATF**785115-10 **ATF** et alThis case is **ATF****ATF**

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Tucson Group I

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 1:35 PM

To: ATF

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 4-15-10.doc

Buenos Días!

The Phoenix submission.

George

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785115-10-0004, **ATF** et al

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Federal Judge, in Phoenix.

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From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 10:47 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
CC: Needles, James R.; ATF
Subject: Phoenix Field Division Submissions - SWB Briefing Paper - June 11, 2010
Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 6-11-10.doc

George,

Please review our division's SWB Briefing Paper submissions and forward per the request, below. Thank you.

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From: ATF

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 6:33 AM

To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.; Boxler, Michael B.; Torres, Julie M.; ATF; Torres, John A.; Newell, William D.; Champion, Robert R.; Webb, J. Dewey; ATF

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Gillett, George T. Jr.;

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Cc: ATF; Golson Sr., Michael A.; Lauffer, Kristen E.; ATF

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Subject: SWB Briefing Paper - June 1, 2010

THIS MESSAGE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE SOUTHWEST BORDER WORKING GROUP

Attached is the approved edition of the Southwest Border briefing paper, dated June 1, 2010. New updates to the SWB paper are now due to ATF by **COB Friday, June 11, 2010.**

Thanks, ATF

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Program Analyst
 Southwest Border Working Group
 Office of Field Operations
 Bureau of ATF

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Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)

785115-10-0020

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785115-10-0004 Operation Fast and Furious

This OCDETF investigation has revealed

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ATF agents are aware of or have caused 309 of these firearms to be recovered. To date, 179 crime guns have been recovered in the Republic of Mexico, and 130 have been recovered domestically in the United States. Of those domestic recoveries all have been along or near the U.S. and Mexican border; i.e. El Paso, TX, Douglas, AZ, Nogales, AZ, Sells, AZ, Casa Grande, AZ with the farthest recovery north of the border being here in Phoenix, AZ. In order to purchase these 1,608 suspected firearms this group has spent over one million (\$1,000,000.00) in cash transactions at various Phoenix area FFLs. Due to the proximity to the border; bank subpoenas and financial investigations have yielded little or no results.

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From: [redacted] **ATF**

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 1:44 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: Phoenix Field Division Submissions - SWB Briefing Paper

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions7-16-10.doc

George,

You will find our division's submissions to the SWB Briefing Paper attached for your review. Please forward to [redacted] **ATF** upon your approval. Thank you.

[redacted] **ATF** Acting Division Operations Officer
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Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)

785115-10-0004, Operation Fast and Furious

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On July 13, 2010 Phoenix Police Department (PPD)

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:20 AM

To: [REDACTED] ATF

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 02-3-2011.doc

I apologize for the tardy paper. I was in Tucson on Friday.

George

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:27 AM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions

George,

I have attached our division's submissions for the SWB Briefing Paper for your review. Please forward to

[REDACTED] ATF, today. Thank you.

Special Agent [REDACTED] ATF

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**Investigations:****Phoenix VII Gunrunner**

785115-10-0004, Operation Fast and Furious: (OCDETF investigation) On January 19, 2011, the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Arizona returned a 53 count indictment charging 20 individuals with a variety of charges that include; Conspiracy (371), Dealing in Firearms without a License (922 a 1 A), False Statement in Connection with the Acquisition of a Firearm (924 a 1 A), Conspiracy to Possess a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense (924 o), Money Laundering (1956), Possession/Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (841 & 846), Aid and Abet (2). On January 25th, 2011, the ATF Phoenix Field Division, Phoenix Group VII, along with numerous other federal and local law enforcement agencies, concluded this firearm trafficking investigation with the arrest of 18 individuals and the execution of four search warrants. During the execution of the above mentioned arrest and search warrants, as well as an additional consent search, 12 firearms, body armor, ammunition, two pounds of methamphetamine, numerous pounds of marijuana, scales, computers, documents, and packaging material were recovered.

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From: [REDACTED] ATF
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 1:37 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: RE:

Not yet...?

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 11:28 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Cc: [REDACTED] ATF
Subject:

Bill-

OSII has not yet finished a link diagram on this investigation. Therefore, there is no "chart" in existence diagramming this investigation. [REDACTED] ATF and crew are currently working on such a link-diagram chart, but it is not yet complete. [REDACTED] ATF did have a power point that gave an overview of the case and that has been forwarded to GS [REDACTED] ATF. However, that power point is about 1 week old, so the info is already a bit dated. GS [REDACTED] ATF and [REDACTED] ATF are speaking on a regular basis, so the lines of communication are now the equivalent of the proverbial fire hose. During one of their conversations, [REDACTED] ATF received a briefing on the investigation this week and mentioned the possibility of needing to shut the investigation down due to the large number of guns that have already been trafficked. Therefore, I spoke with [REDACTED] ATF today and explained that even though the identified straw-purchasers bought approximately 175 guns last week alone, [REDACTED] ATF

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much as possible, but we have not identified the network yet. The result will be that the responsible conspirators will have new straw-purchasers operational before we complete the booking paperwork. I have asked Ray to consider me his direct point of contact on any future questions and/or concerns and I will do the same with him. I have also spoken with [REDACTED] ATF today and maintain those lines of communication.

As for plans to proceed, I have asked [REDACTED] ATF to begin preparing a white paper that outlines progress to date as well as a plans for proceeding with the investigation. I know that he wants to take the information from the [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] ATF I have also asked [REDACTED] ATF to prepare a list of resources that HQ can provide (personnel and equipment) to support this investigation. I will keep you posted as things arise.

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Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
[REDACTED] ATF

From: **ATF**

Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 4:44 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: CBP port contacts

George,

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firearms will stay around Phoenix, maybe a day, maybe a week. I know you and the SAC both have contact with CBP SAC level officials for CBP whether it be in the State of Arizona or El Paso, TX. Can we give a heads up communication and a solid point of contact for the weekend.

Thanks,

ATF

Group Supervisor

Phoenix Group VII

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