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To: Weinstein, Jason; Raman, Mythili
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Subject: Re: Draft

An interesting read.

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From: Weinstein, Jason
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Thx - sorry you both had to suffer thru it on berry - probably the longest email ever

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From: Breuer, Lanny A.
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Jason, This is just excellent. Thank you. Lanny

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From: Weinstein, Jason
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Thanks - will make that change

Going to send in a few mins

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From: Raman, Mythili
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This is really good. I'm on blackberry, so I didn't try to do any line editing (tho I don't think any is necessary). My only suggestion is maybe to drop some of the superlatives about the individual aUSA and agent at the end and instead say something to the effect that based on what you know, the investigation -- and decisions about when to seize guns -- were made

thoughtfully and strategically.

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From: Weinstein, Jason
To: Breuer, Lanny A.; Raman, Mythili
Sent: Sat Feb 26 14:12:51 2011
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Stuart/Monty,

As you know, the DAG asked me to obtain more information about the manner in which the Arizona gun trafficking investigation known as "Fast and Furious" was put together.

The investigation spanned well over a year and included

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I will attempt to capture as much of the relevant information as possible in this email, but am happy to discuss further. I have my oldest son's bday party and basketball game back to back but am free after 2:30 and the rest of the weekend on berry (202-ATF).

The information that follows was provided by Emory and Pat during our call.

BACKGROUND

A little background on the players may be instructive:

· The lead case agent is a very experienced and skilled agent who, according to Emory, has been doing almost nothing but firearms trafficking cases for at least the last 9 years.

· Emory himself is regarded as the District's preeminent expert on federal gun laws and gun prosecutions. Like the case agent, Emory has a lot of experience pursuing straw purchasers and building firearms trafficking cases. I would add parenthetically that both yesterday and in my prior dealings with him, I have found him to be a very sharp and impressive AUSA, exactly the kind of AUSA you would want handling a case of this magnitude and complexity.

ATF in many of the sales at issue here (including the sales of the guns found at or near the scene of the Terry murder), has ATF, even before the Fast & Furious case began, providing voluntary reports of multiple sales of long guns.

· The District of Arizona is a place where guns, including long guns, are prevalent. It is not at all uncommon - nor is it illegal - for people to have guns in their vehicles in Arizona.

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As indicated above, this was an extraordinarily complex case, and I can give you only a higher-altitude view of it, based on the information provided by the USAO and ATF. But based on my conversation yesterday with the AUSA and Crim Chief, and based on prior conversations with Dennis Burke and with the ATF SAC, this case certainly appears to have been in the hands of/overseen by some extremely thoughtful and thorough investigators and prosecutors who acted strategically and carefully in building the case.

I hope this is helpful.

Jason

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