
From: Weinstein, Jason
To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG) (SMO)
Sent: 3/2/2011 10:34:49 PM
Subject: RE: Questions for DOJ

Not really -- Molly mentioned to me today that a reporter called, claiming to have emails from disgruntled ATF agents, and I suspect this might relate to that.

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From: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG) [mailto:Stuart.Goldberg@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 4:44 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason
Subject: FW: Questions for DOJ

Jason -- any idea what this is a reference to?

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 4:40 PM
To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Miller, Matthew A (SMO); Moran, Molly (OAG); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO)
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To follow - this is what Solomon came back w. on the premise for #1. Assuming F&F is fast and furious.

"I have confirmed this with DOJ employees and internal DOJ memos. If you read the F&F case summary sent to main Justice you'll see there are specific numbers given for the number of weapons ATF permitted to be sold to know straw and suspect buyers and then monitored between October 2009 and January 2011. If you want to dispute that premise, I'll be glad to quote you."

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Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:38 PM
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finally got q's. I've asked for facts/evidence to substantiate the premise of Q #1 and what he's getting at in Q #3 but doubt he'll provide the docs he claims to have. Would be good to quickly discuss possible responses and timing given the Grassley letter. I'm flexible until 3 and then again at 5. Lisa/Stuart - can we meet in either of your offices before 3?

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From: Solomon, John [mailto:jsolomon@publicintegrity.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:18 PM

To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Cc: Solomon, John
Subject: FW: Questions for DOJ

Tracy:

Here are the questions for which we need on the record answers from DOJ:

1.) What did Main Justice know about the ATF operation code named East and Furious in Phoenix? Did the attorney general or Lanny Breuer know about ATF's efforts to let guns flow to straw buyers as part of a larger strategy to making bigger cases against Mexican drug organizations?

2.) Why did lawyers from the US Attorney's office in Phoenix meet with FFLs and encourage them to keep selling guns to known straw buyers, including [ATF] after [ATF] was already listed in ATF's database as a suspect buyer? How did DOJ lawyers address the concerns of gun sellers about civil liability or future prosecution if they continued to let the gun sales proceed?

3.) Does DOJ believe its answers last month to Sen. Grassley were accurate and complete? If so, why?

4.) Is DOJ contemplating any action against ATF agents who talked to Sen. Grassley about their concerns?

5.) What if any concerns does DOJ have if ATF agents are monitoring the sales of guns to suspected straw buyers or begin seeing the guns they have been monitoring show up in crimes on both sides of the border?

Thanks

John