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RE: AG's Testimony

I just spoke with the AG on the very point and the answer is yes, he meant just what I said. Walking means letting it go when you could arrest or legally stop.

Jim

From: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG) Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 3:59 PM

To: Cole, James (SMO) **Subject:** FW: AG's Testimony

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From: Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF) Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 2:59 PM

To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Smith, Brad (ODAG)

Subject: RE: AG's Testimony

Can you confirm for me that the AG's comment in the approps hearing is in fact the same as the instruction the DAG gave to the USAs? I want to make sure we are not stepping beyond the parameters of the guidance. Ken.

From: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG) [mailto:Stuart.Goldberg@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 12:25 PM **To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Monaco, Lisa (ODAG)

Subject: RE: AG's Testimony

Ken – I haven't been watching, but it sounds like he was referencing the instructions that the DAG gave last night.

Stuart M. Goldberg Chief of Staff for the Deputy Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Room 4210 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530 Tele: 202-353-8878 From: Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF)

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 11:56 AM

To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG)

Subject: AG's Testimony

Stuart and Lisa: I understand that in a response to a question by Senator Hutchinson that the AG said something to the effect of <I made it clear to the USAs and SACs that letting guns "walk" is not acceptable. > Is his definition of "walk" in tandem with the DAG's instructions to the USA's last evening? The critics' definition of "walk" is letting a person who may be a straw purchaser leave with weapons that may get to Mexico, even though we have no lawful authority, according to the USA, to seize the gun or arrest the purchaser. Ken.