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SAC Newell,

I hope this finds you well. We want to make clear that the briefing requested by Senator Bingaman in New Mexico on March 22 has been approved by DOJ Legislative Affairs (OLA) with the understanding that it will be a general briefing on Project Gunrunner, firearms trafficking along the border, the activities of the Cartels, ATF successes and challenges in combating firearms trafficking to the Cartels and related matters.

It is our clear understanding and expectation, and that of OLA, that there will be no discussion of non-publicly disclosed facts, of any active cases and most specifically that there will be no discussion of any relevant facts regarding *Fast and Furious*. As you are aware this case is still active, highly sensitive, and is currently under investigation by the Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, House Oversight and Government Reform as well as being reviewed by the DOJ Office of the Inspector General. DOJ has a clear policy prohibiting the discussion of open cases, including with any members of Congress. We will abide by that direction and we appreciate your strict adherence to the same. Please advise if you have any questions regarding the scope of your pending discussion with the Senator. Thank you for all of the hard work you and your team are doing out there.

Take care,

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