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**From:** Raman, Mythili  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason  
**Sent:** 3/19/2011 5:33:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Arizona Firearms Trafficking case

We're going to need to get all these together to provide to ig.

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**From:** Weinstein, Jason  
**To:** Raman, Mythili  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 19 13:32:26 2011  
**Subject:** Fw: Arizona Firearms Trafficking case

Paul dug up the email in which I asked OEO to expedite the F&F wires, which they did thereafter.

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**From:** OBrien, Paul  
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**To:** Weinstein, Jason  
**Cc:** Swaney, Michelle Guardino  
**Subject:** RE: Arizona Firearms Trafficking case

Jason: As to number 1, we have been more flexible in our interpretation of the 21 Rule as it relates to Rovings. Simply stated, it just depends on the fact pattern. I suggest that before you put pen to paper, have the AUSA call Michelle and she can give a quick opinion about whether a roving would be appropriate. As to number 2, I have asked Michelle to take a look at this and prioritize this investigation. We will put this at the top of the list when the submissions come in. We are incredibly busy right now. That being said, I know from my NDDS days how important these types of investigations are to the Criminal Division, the Department, and our bi-lateral relationship with Mexico. Accordingly, for two pints of Guinness, I hereby authorize Ms. Swaney to put you at the top of the list.

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**From:** Weinstein, Jason

**Sent:** Friday, May 07, 2010 11:54 AM  
**To:** OBrien, Paul  
**Subject:** Arizona Firearms Trafficking case

Hey – just tried to call you. The USAO in AZ and ATF are working on a case ATF calls “Operation Fast and Furious,” which is a T-III investigation of a gun-trafficking ring responsible for sending well over 1,000 guns across the SWB into Mexico. It may end up coming down as part of Project Deliverance but more likely come down on its own within the next 60-90 days. They have been working up the chain, and their wire target has not made it easy, apparently dropping a series of phones after about 30-45 days of use each. I have two questions:

- 1) Is the “dropping series of phones within 21 days” rule to qualify for a rover a hard-and-fast rule, or is a series of dropped phones used for 30-45 days each a potential basis for a rover?
- 2) To the extent a rover is not an option, is there a way to expedite the handling of the spins in this case so the agents are better positioned to keep up with the wire targets? This is perhaps the most significant Mexico-related firearms-trafficking investigation ATF has going, and it would be a great achievement if ATF were able to get far up the chain of the organization.

The target numbers have been 623.313.4763, 623.552.0308, 602.218.1029, and 602.478.3854 (this is a new number, with the paperwork either just having arrived or on its way to you).

I know that every case is obviously significant, but any assistance you can provide to this case would be much appreciated. Thanks!

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