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Your thoughts,  
Jim  
James McDermond, Assistant Director - ATF

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Can you ask them for the documentation?

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**Cc:** 'Burton, Faith (SMO)'; 'Admin. Assistant (JMD) (SMO)'; McDermond, James E.; Gonzales, Mary (OLA) ATF  
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Just got off the phone with Grassley's staffer.

He wants these questions/issues answered/addressed:

- ) That firearms were sold to known or suspected traffickers in AZ and that the FFL informed ATF that he had concerns,
- ) That ATF asked the dealer to continue making the sales in furtherance of their investigation,
- ) That two of these weapons were recovered from the scene of the 12/14/2010 firefigt that killed CBP Agent Brian Terry and that one of those weapons was actually used to kill Agent Terry.
- ) An overview of how Project Gunrunner works.

I mentioned that I didn't know how much information we would be able to share with them because this is an open case/investigation. They cited numerous occasions where they have been briefed on open cases and stated that they need to be briefed to assess whether the information they have is viable or not. They claim to have documentation that confirms their concerns. They are firm on their date of doing something by next Thursday, 2/3/2011.

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We need to discuss this very sensitive issue ASAP

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**Importance:** High

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Grassley. Please confirm receipt, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian

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