**ATF** From: Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; McDermond, James E.; **ATF** Chait, Mark R. To: 1/27/2011 11:32:58 PM Sent: Subject: Fw: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley Fyi. Probably need to be prepared to give OLA some kind of brief as early as tomorrow. Even if its just at 100,000 feet. NOTICE: This e-mail message and any attached files are intended solely for the use of the addressee(s) named above in connection with official business. This communication may contain Controlled Unclassified Information that may be statutorily or otherwise prohibited from being released without appropriate approval. Any review, use, or dissemination of this e-mail message and any attached file(s) in any form outside of ATF or the Department of Justice without express authorization is strictly prohibited. From: Weich, Ron (SMO) ATF Agrast, Mark D. (SMO) To: **Sent**: Thu Jan 27 18:16:51 2011 **Subject**: RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley **ATF** From: (ATF) Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:03 PM **To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO) Subject: FW: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley DP **ATF** DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs mobile1) mobile2) 202.648. ATF office) ATF ATF Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:14 PM

To: 'Weich, Ron (SMO)'; 'Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)'

Cc: 'Burton, Faith (SMO)'; Admin. Assistant (JMD) (SMO); McDermond, James E.; Gonzales, Mary (OLA); ATF Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.

**Subject:** RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Just got off the phone with Grassley's staffer.

He wants these questions/issues answered/addressed:

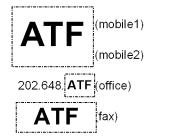
- ) That firearms were sold to known or suspected traffickers in AZ and that the FFL informed ATF that he had concerns.
- ) That ATF asked the dealer to continue making the sales in furtherance of their investigation,
- ) That two of these weapons were recovered from the scene of the 12/14/2010 firefight 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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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 2:42 PM To: Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)

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**Importance:** High

We need to discuss this very sensitive issue ASAP.	ATF DP
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From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:59 AM	
To: ATF	
Cc: Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep);  ATF Subject: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley	
Importance: High	
Hello,	
Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Grassley. Please confirm receipt, thank you.	
Sincerely,	
Brian	
Brian M. Downey	
Investigative Assistant	
U.S. Committee on the Judiciary	

Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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