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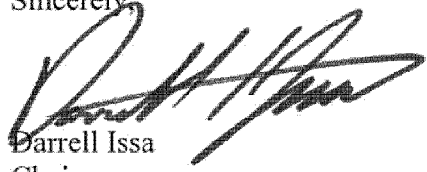
April 11, 2011

Mr. Kenneth E. Melson  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
99 New York Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20226

Dear Acting Director Melson:

We received the Department's letter dated April 8, 2011, regarding the Committee's investigation of Project Gunrunner and Operation Fast and Furious. Absent a valid assertion of executive privilege over the materials sought, I expect you to produce the things identified in the March 31, 2011, subpoena's schedule by the return date.

Sincerely,

  
Darrell Issa  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Ranking Member,  
U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary