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From: Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)  
To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
Sent: 5/5/2011 5:42:59 PM  
Subject: Re: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Why aren't you on the plane?

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 05:41 PM  
**To:** Scheel, Ann (USAAZ); Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]; Hernandez, Rachel (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Despicable.

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**From:** Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 05:39 PM  
**To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]; Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Hernandez, Rachel (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Yes, I guess it's every man for himself.

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**From:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 05:37 PM  
**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Hernandez, Rachel (USAAZ); Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Ann, Rachel, did you see Tracy's quote?

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2011/05/04/lawmakers-step-up-probe-of-gun-trafficking-operation/?KEYWORDS=tracy+schmaler>

The January 2010 memo also notes that ATF agents were advised by Phoenix prosecutors at the time that there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute targets of the probe and that "additional firearms purchases should be monitored and additional evidence" gathered.

The March 2010 Justice Department wiretap approval came from the office of Lanny Breuer, assistant attorney general who heads the criminal division. It was signed by one of his deputies, Kenneth Blanco. The office handles a large volume of such requests and the Justice Department says a wiretap approval doesn't include a review of investigative tactics.

Tracy Schmaler, Justice Department spokeswoman, said the wiretap approvals are "a narrow assessment of whether a legal basis exists to support a surveillance request that ultimately goes before a judge for decision. These reviews are not approval of the underlying investigations or operations."

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 2:25 PM  
**To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Cc:** Hernandez, Rachel (USAAZ); Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** Re: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Just out of curiosity -- after Tracy gave that despicable quote to WSJ, ask her what they think I can say abt F&F.

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**From:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 05:08 PM  
**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
**Cc:** Hernandez, Rachel (USAAZ); Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** FW: Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

FYI

Main Justice reporter wants to do a profile. He would want to specifically ask about Loughner and Fast and Furious.

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**From:** andrew.ramonas@gmail.com [mailto:andrew.ramonas@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Andrew Ramonas  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:59 AM  
**To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Subject:** Request for an interview with U.S. Attorney Burke

Hi Robert,

I was hoping to interview U.S. Attorney Burke sometime in the next couple weeks. The interview can be conducted on the phone. I was hoping to speak with him for about 30 minutes. I am looking to do a feature profile on him and his work as U.S. Attorney.

Best,  
Andrew

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