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CC: Admin. Assistant (SMO)
Sent: 5/6/2011 11:21:06 AM
Subject: Congressional Priority Report, 5/5/11

Note: The 2 Issa items and 1 Smith item below have already been logged into the Oversight Chart.

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Congressional Priority	5/19/2011	OLA	2357551	05/03/2011	AG
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FROM: The Honorable Darrell Issa, , U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: (Rec'd from OAG) Ltr from Chmn Issa, Oversight and Government Reform Comte, expressing concern regarding DOJ's 02/04/2011 ltr containing alleged false statements in response to MC Grassley's initial inquiry into ATF's whistleblower allegations related to Operation Fast and Furious. Stating that agents in Phoenix alleged that DOJ's ltr was "false" and could not explain how such a representation could be made to Congress in light of what they witnessed on the ground in Phoenix in late 2009 and 2010, prior to the death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry. Advising that they are disappointed the AG does not appear to be taking this issue seriously enough to ensure that DOJ representations are accurate, forthcoming, and complete. Ltr also signed by MC Grassley w/ handwritten note. See related corres in ES.

Congressional Priority	5/19/2011	CRM	2357715	05/04/2011	AG
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FROM: The Honorable Darrell Issa, , U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT: Regarding DOJ's ltr dtd 04/14/11, which notified the Committee of its apprehension regarding the safety and security of a witness it described as a "cooperating witness" in a pending federal criminal investigation. According to information provided by DOJ, the concern is that the Committee may attempt to contact this witness as a part of their investigation into ATF Project Gunrunner and Operation Fast and Furious. MC states that the Committee is as concerned as DOJ when it comes to the safety of potential witnesses. Advises that placing such obstacles to legitimate congressional inquiries could easily be interpreted as an attempt to obstruct their investigation. Requesting that the AG do everything in his power to ensure the safety of all witnesses, without interfering with their right to contact them. See related corres in ES.

Congressional Priority	5/20/2011	ATF	2357901	05/04/2011	AG
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FROM: The Honorable Lamar Smith, , Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515

SUBJECT:

Copy rec'd from OLA via email) Ltr from Chmn Smith, Judiciary Comte, expressing concerns about the media and whistleblowers continuing to sound alarms about ATF, specifically relating to ATF's Operation Fast and Furious (Fast and Furious) - a subset of the Agency's Project Gunrunner. Advising that he and 13 members of the Comte wrote a letter to DOJ on 03/09/2011 regarding this issue and DOJ's 04/04/2011 response avoided or refused to answer the majority of their questions. Requesting that DOJ answer the enclosed questions so the Comte will have the information it needs to conduct appropriate oversight of the Department. See WF 2317223 & related corres in ES.

Congressional Priority Total: 4
