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I'm going to refer him to our correspondence ..

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From: Jordy Yager [mailto:jyager@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 3:33 PM
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Hi Lori,

I'm working on an article today that I was hoping to get some comment from Justice on.

The piece is looking at the ATF's "Fast and Furious" operation and how Republicans in the Senate and House view the DOJ's responsiveness to their requests for documents.

1. Sen. Grassley has said that he is not receiving the documents he has requested and that the DOJ's reasoning is that he is the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and DOJ is not required to give him documents. Is this accurate?
2. Rep. Darrell Issa has said that the DOJ's level of participation with the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has improved in recent weeks. How would you characterize the DOJ's cooperation with the Committee?
3. Is the DOJ planning on providing any of its current employees with knowledge of the "Fast and Furious" operation to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to deliver transcribed interviews?
4. What concerns does the DOJ have about whether the House OGR Committee's investigation into the operation may affect the DOJ's current prosecutions of straw purchasers of weapons sold through the operation?

I'm working on a 6pm deadline today.

Thanks very much,
Jordy

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