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**Sent:** 7/5/2011 7:02:04 PM  
**Subject:** Axelrod  
**Attachments:** La Opinion Clarification.pdf

Ann:

Axelrod called this afternoon and asked for these items on my voice mail. Shall we take them up with ODAG on Thursday?

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Translation of enclosed Clarification:

As part of a special series entitled "A country at arms," an article was printed last Thursday entitled "A constantly expanding business" where it said that Robbie Sherwood, a spokesperson for the Prosecutor of the State of Arizona stated that a large majority of weapons confiscated in crimes on the other side of the border come from a small number of stores, including: ATF. By error, this information was attributed to the Prosecutor's spokesperson, when in reality, the name of the store ATF is mentioned in public records and corresponds to only a number of weapons in one specific case and this store is not involved in other incidents of weapons trafficking seen in the District of Arizona. Sherwood clarified that "he does not know the names of weapons distributors involved in the cases under investigation."

Also enclosed is the email La Opinion sent Robbie proving the inquiry was in March, covered trafficking in general and that Robbie explained we could not comment on Fast and Furious.

**From:** Claudia Nunez [mailto:claudia.nunez@laopinion.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 5:37 PM  
**To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Hi Robert,

As we discussed over the phone today, I am working on a national multi-media project dealing with the trafficking of arms and I would like to obtain an interview with a specialist in your agency that can provide general comments on this issue. Some of the questions will be...the use of women as straw purchasers, the related offense for straw purchasers, and a general profile of the Arizona market for this illicit activity.

During the interview, we will not ask about specific cases or about "Fast and Furious", as you mentioned, you cannot comment on. The project is mainly an informative one about the illicit arms trade.

Regards,

Claudia Nunez, Reporter  
La Opinion.

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