
From: ATF
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:43 PM
To: (IAO); Gillett, George T. Jr.
Cc: ATF; Needles, James R.
Subject: RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

Categories: Fast and Furious

Thank you gentlemen! This is what I'll tell them.

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Analyst Chief
ATF Mexico Country Office

ATF

Extension 4468 (office)
Blackberry

From: ATF (O)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; ATF
Cc: ATF; Needles, James R.
Subject: RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

10-4 George. thanks

ATF SA ATF
International Affairs Office
Program Manager-Mexico
99 NY Ave. NE, 6S-144
Washington, DC 20226
W: 202.648 ATF
C: ATF
F: 202.648.7630

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:31 PM
To: ATF (IAO)
Cc: ATF; Needles, James R.
Subject: RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

All we would say is that this is an ongoing investigation.

Thanks!

George

From: ATF (IAO)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 12:13 PM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: FW: not that you can or want to talk about it

George, please see below about SIEDO. Can we share anything (what?) with them? Thank you,

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From: [ATF]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:58 PM
To: [ATF]
Subject: RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

Can you check with Phoenix and see how much I can share with SIEDO on [ATF] they have noticed all of his purchases and want to know what we are doing about him.

[ATF]
Analyst Chief
ATF Mexico Country Office

[ATF]

From: [ATF] (IAO)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 1:52 PM
To: [ATF]
Subject: not that you can or want to talk about it

CASE TITLE: [ATF] CASE NUMBER: 785115-10-0004

[ATF]

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International Affairs Office
Program Manager-Mexico

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From: ATF
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: FW: OCDETF Initiation Form and Narrative
Attachments: OCDETF_Invest_Initiation-The Fast and The Furious.doc; 785115-10-0004 - OCDETF_Narrative - The Fast and The Furious.doc

Categories: IG, Fast and Furious

FYI – Here are the OCDETF forms for Tuesday’s meeting. I have reviewed them and believe them to be factually correct and in accordance with the OCDETF format. Be advised Carol Strachan has requested them by COB today so she can spend Monday making copies etc for the committee.

Thanks

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 1:33 PM
To: ATF
Subject: OCDETF Initiation Form and Narrative

I have attached both.

Thank you,

ATF

Special Agent ATF
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Phoenix - Group VII
602 776 - ATF
602 776 - 5479 (Fax)

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Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces

Investigation Initiation Form

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III. Agency Involvement *Check all boxes which apply and enter personnel commitment and agency case numbers, if available.*

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Investigation Initiation Form
Organized Crime
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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Strachan, Carol (USAAZ)
Subject: FW: OCDETF Proposal
Attachments: The Fast and The Furious.doc; The Fast and The Furious narrative.doc

Categories: IG, Fast and Furious

Hello Carol –

Just a friendly reminder that ATF ASAC Needles is no longer the point of contact for OCDETF matters. I have assumed those responsibilities. Obviously, I have this proposal. However, are there any others that will be considered at the meeting tomorrow?

Thanks! And, I'll see you at the meeting.

George T. Gillett

Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Office: (602) 776-5400

From: Garcia, Armando R [<mailto:armando.garcia@dhs.gov>]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: FW: OCDETF Proposal

Senor,

Can you have Hope list Tim Lentzen as a case agent on the OCDETF proposal since he will be writing the affidavit for the wire on "prieto"?

Armando R. Garcia

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Office of Investigations

Asst. Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix, Arizona

(602) 721-2715 Cell

armando.garcia@dhs.gov

From: Strachan, Carol (USAAZ) [<mailto:Carol.Strachan@usdoj.gov>]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 7:24 AM

To: Al Childress, IRS; Armando Garcia, ICE; ASAC Jim Needles - ATF; Chris Scheuler, DEA; Darryl White, IC, **ATF**
ATF GS Sq#7; David Larson, FBI; Ernie Grizzle, USMS; First Assistant U.S. Atty; Glenn, Section Chief; Lon weigand;
Matt Allen; Me; Michael Albers, Asset Forfeiture IRS; Mike Wilson, asset forfeiture IRS; R. Brant Benham, Cmdr;
Sterling Carter, USMS; Steve Bailey, Deputy; Tom Mertz, Marshal; USA Burke; Vercauteren, Keith (USAAZ); Vince
Piano, PPD

Subject: OCDETF Proposal

Good morning. Attached is another proposal which will be scheduled for tomorrow's 9:30 a.m. meeting.

Thank you.

Carol Strachan-Noonan

*OCDETF Paralegal Specialist and
Legal Assistant for:
AUSA Glenn B. McCormick,
Section Chief OCDETF/Asset Forfeiture
direct line (602) 514-7596
Fax (602) 514-7537*

From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Webb, J. Dewey; Champion, Robert R.; Newell, William D.; Torres, John A.
Cc: Chait, Mark R.; ATF
Subject: Fw: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH DOJ ON APRIL 23, 2010
Attachments: SWB Issues Paper for EAD Hoover regarding ICE and CBP.docx

Categories: Green Category

Guys,

Thanks for your help in putting together this document for Billy's meeting today.

I hope the issues you have laid out have been addressed or attempted to be addressed with your counterparts there locally.

Thanks again,

Bill

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From: ATF
To: Hoover, William J.
Cc: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thu Apr 22 18:36:13 2010
Subject: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH DOJ ON APRIL 23, 2010
Billy:

Please let me know if the attached document meets your needs.

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Chief, Firearms Enforcement Programs
National Southwest Border Coordinator
(202) 648-ATF (psk)

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The following summary was compiled on April 22, 2010 as a result of information provided by the Los Angeles, Phoenix, Houston and Dallas Field Divisions. This document highlights some of the significant issues that ATF continues to face regarding our relationship with ICE and CBP.

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From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:56 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: Yep another day in the ATF
Categories: IG, F&F

Big Daddy,

Sure boss get right on that as soon as ATF crew who
ATF raps up the guy who just bought
ATF days, and oh yeah let's not forget the OCDEFI proposal we're trying to finish for presentation on the regional
meeting on Tuesday which ATF
Maryland next week...AND the Shit sandwich ATF trying to salvage from ICE...

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:31 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Yep another day in the ATF

I am just saying that ATF know it was
from 2006 but he might still be at it just under the \$10,000 limit?

There you have it.

Big Daddy out...

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 4:45 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Re: G-ride

Categories: IG, F&F

I would love to read it. Send it over when you get a chance.

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From: ATF
To: ATF
Sent: Wed Nov 25 16:34:57 2009
Subject: RE: G-ride

Yeah I think they are looking at him, but

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 3:29 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: G-ride

I looked at those attachments you sent... Pretty crazy

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*Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
Los Angeles Field Division, Glendale Group 1
Desk: ATF
Fax: 818.265.2511*

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 12:59 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: G-ride

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G-rides are always tough, if you think you can bring yours go ahead otherwise it will probably be a Chevy Impala. I hear from **ATF** that we got a couple for our group. If you don't need to make the decision right away, I should definitely have a better feel for it once I get there starting the week of Dec 7th.

I hope you are excited and ready for Group VII, I know I am. It appears to be wide open territory (other than fighting with ICE). The 7.62 pistols appear very popular currently. Looking at Multiple Sales/E-trace I see **ATF**

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From: **ATF**
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 2:01 PM
To: **ATF**
Subject: G-ride

ATF

I hope all is going/went well with your house hunting trip. What city do you think you are going to land in? I had a question for you – which you probably won't be able to answer until you actually start working in Phoenix. How is the G-Ride fleet looking? I thought about trying to get authorization to take my current g-ride with me when I report. I don't have a great g-ride (2005 Chevy Malibu w/ 60K miles), but it runs well and doesn't have any problems. Before trying to jump through those hoops, I wanted to see what your thoughts were.

Thanks

Have a great Thanksgiving.

ATF

*Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
Los Angeles Field Division, Glendale Group 1
Desk: **ATF**
Fax: 818.265.2511*

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 4:16 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Cc: ATF
Subject: FW: Disregard my last...for your review
Attachments: synopsis.doc; American Auto Body.pdf
Categories: IG, F&F

Boss –

For your review.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Office: (602) 776-5400

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 12:49 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Disregard my last...for your review

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 12:37 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Re: How's your first day?

Categories: ISSA, IG, F&F

Ummmm. I'll fill you in tonight. It's high side info.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: ATF

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From: ATF
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Mon Dec 07 12:33:57 2009
Subject: RE: How's your first day?

Should be clear for football. I think: ATF

ATF

Thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 11:28 AM
To: ATF
Subject: Re: How's your first day?

Are you up for going out to Monday Night Football or does your group have something going tonight?

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: ATF

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From: **ATF**
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Mon Dec 07 12:25:10 2009
Subject: RE: How's your first day?

So far so good! Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 11:25 AM
To: **ATF**
Subject: How's your first day?

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: **ATF**

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From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 12:33 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: Today's Multiple Sales

Categories: IG, F&F

See, I'm not as dumb as everyone makes me out to be, especially your old boss Mr. Zapor.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
Office - (602)776-5400

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 10:31 AM
To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.
Cc: ATF
Subject: RE: Today's Multiple Sales

I am sorry but ATF is in N-Force under our current Group VII case (785115-1) ATF and his guns are

ATF

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 9:57 AM
To: ATF
Subject: FW: Today's Multiple Sales

FYI, my hunches tell me he's involved but maybe I'm wrong.

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Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
Office - (602)776-5400

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 11:51 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: RE: Today's Multiple Sales

No and this is the only multiple purchase this individual has made, no nexus to any traces either. I checked ATF

He may be one to watch.

ATF

Senior Intelligence Research Specialist
Phoenix Field Division

ATF

Direct
Mobile

(602) 776-5519 - Fax

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 8:47 AM

To: ATF

Subject: Today's Multiple Sale

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Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
Office - (602)776-5400

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 6:00 PM
To: ATF
Subject: FW: Mexicali seizure

Categories: IG, F&F

-----Original Message-----

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 1:10 PM
To: ATF; Mangan, Thomas G.; Newell, William (BOP)
Subject: Mexicali seizure

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From: ATF
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 6:04 PM
To: ATF
Subject: FW: Mexicali Seizure
Attachments: Mexicali Seizure 12092009.doc
Categories: IG, F&F

-----Original Message-----

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 2:35 PM
To: ATF
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Mexicali Seizure

ATF these are the guns. ATF is going to trace them. The pgr is thinking that these are
ATF
Cnapo is arming for a war.

SSA ATF

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----- Original Message -----

From: ATF
To:
Cc:
Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:54:01 2009
Subject: Mexicali Seizure

This is the list of guns from the Mexicali seizure that occurred from 12/09/09 through 12/10/09. The totals are included in the heading of the attached document. We are suspecting that these guns are coming from a trafficking crew based out of phoenix who have bought approximately ATF is the case agent out of Phoenix and we are in contact with her.

These will be traced by Tijuana.

ATF

Assistant Country Attache
Tijuana Field Office

ATF (Mexico Mobile)
ATF (Mexico Direct Connect)
ATF (US Mobile)

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From: [redacted] **ATF**
To: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:08:18 2009

Seizure of 48 Firearms in Mexicali, Baja California, by Mexican Military on December 9, 2009, along with 2, 000,000 USD, 1,000,000 Mexican Pesos, 500 Kilos of Cocaine, 85 pounds of Methamphetamine and 12 suspects arrested.
Organization Suspected: Sinaloa Cartel

1. Maadi Egypt 7.62 X39 rifle, Model MISR Receiver, S/N [ATF] Made in Egypt, Imported by CAI St. Albans, VT.
2. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model SAGPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [ATF] Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
3. NORINCO 7.62X39 rifle, Model NHM91, Made in China, [ATF] Imported by CSI, Ontario, CA.
4. NORINCO 7.62X39 rifle, Model MAK90, Made in China, [ATF] Imported by CAI, ST. Albans, VT.
5. Maadi Egypt 7.62X39 rifle, Model UNKNOWN, Made in Egypti, [ATF] Imported by PARS Intl., Louisville, KY.
6. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [ATF] Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
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36. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, **ATF** Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
37. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, **ATF** or S/N 1969BL4539, Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
38. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, **ATF** Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
39. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, **ATF** Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
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46. Norinco 5.56X45 rifle, Model BWK-92 Sporter, Made in China, **ATF** Imported by
47. Eagle Arms 5.56X45 rifle, Model M15A2, Made in USA, S/N **ATF**

48. FN HERSTAL, 5.7X28mm pistol, Model 57, Made in Belgium, Imported by FN
HERSTAL, S/N ATF

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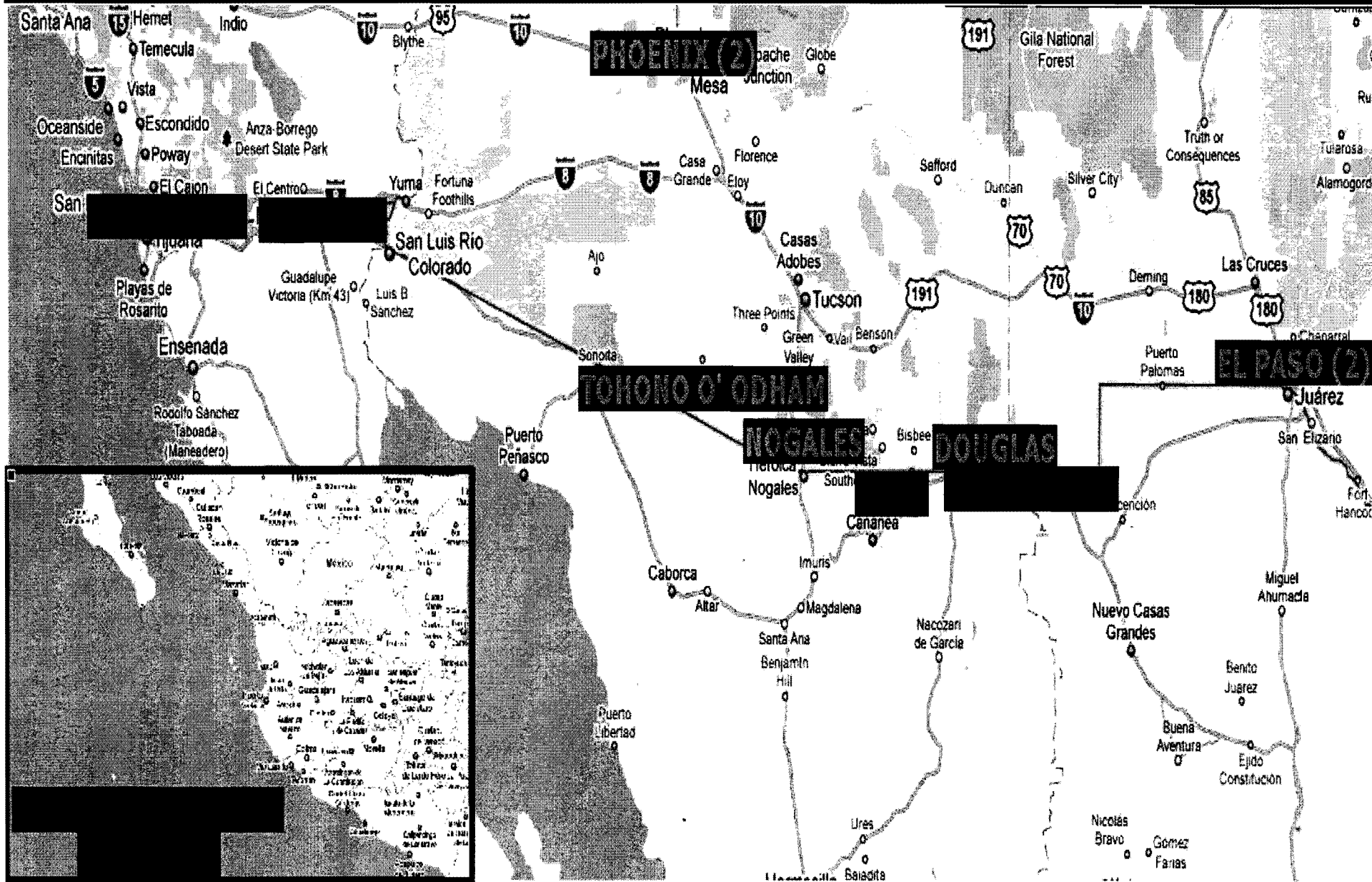
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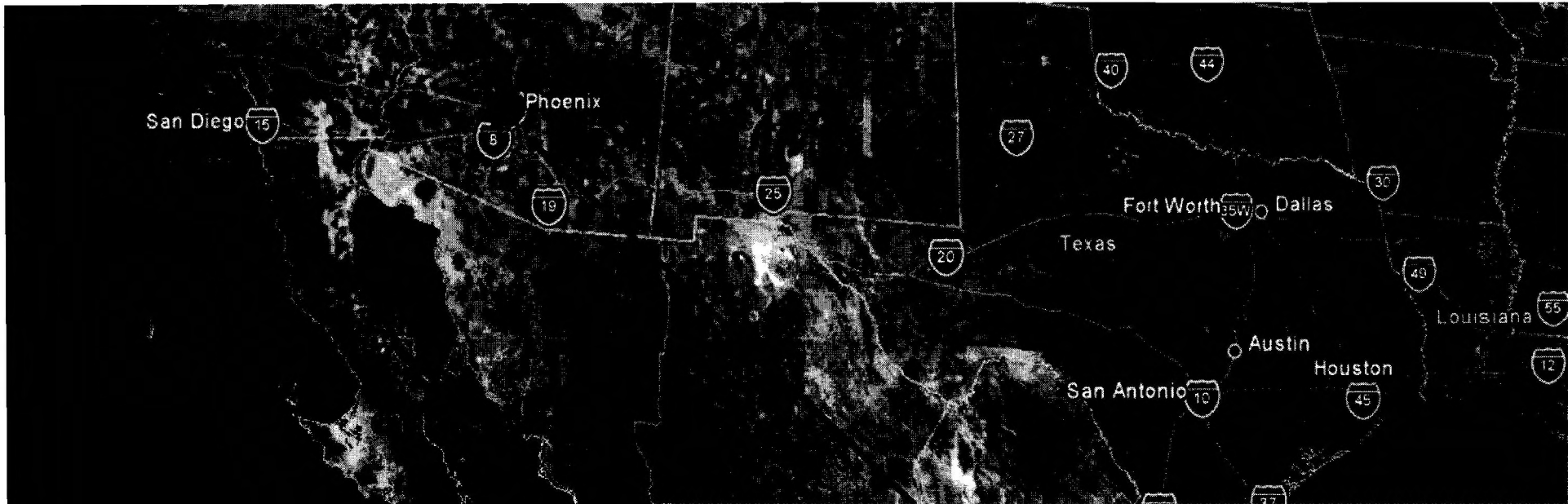
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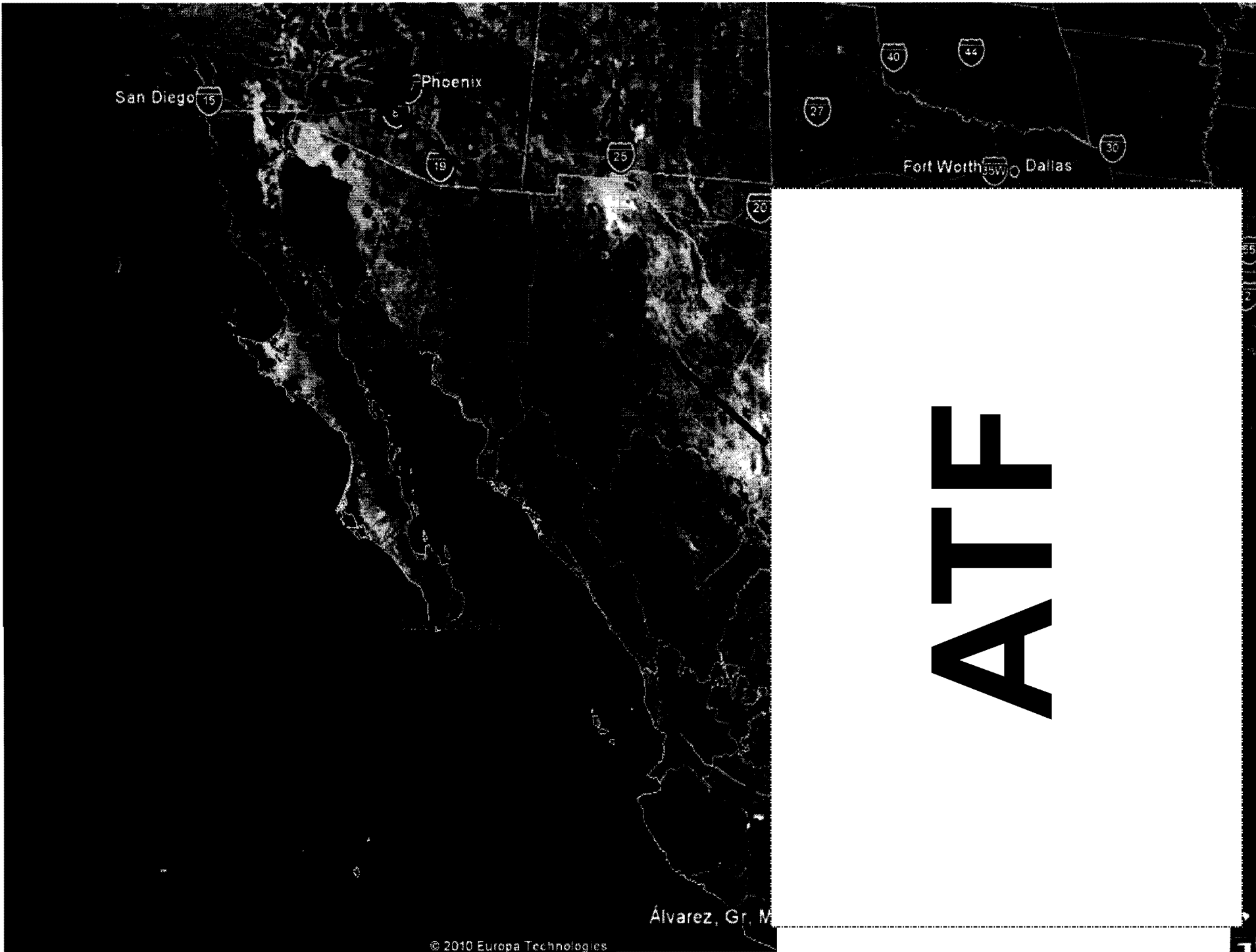




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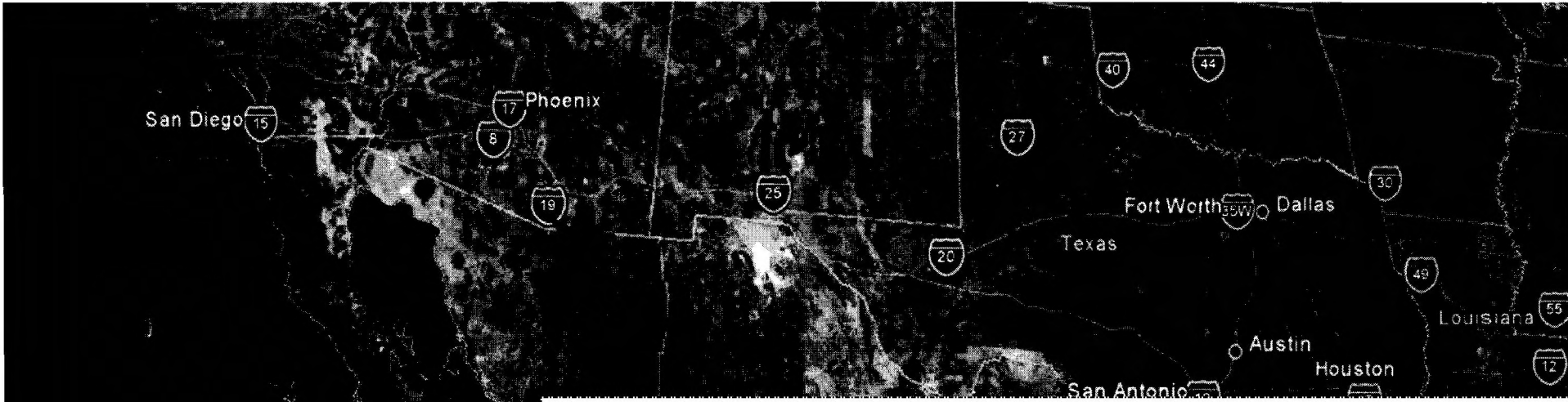
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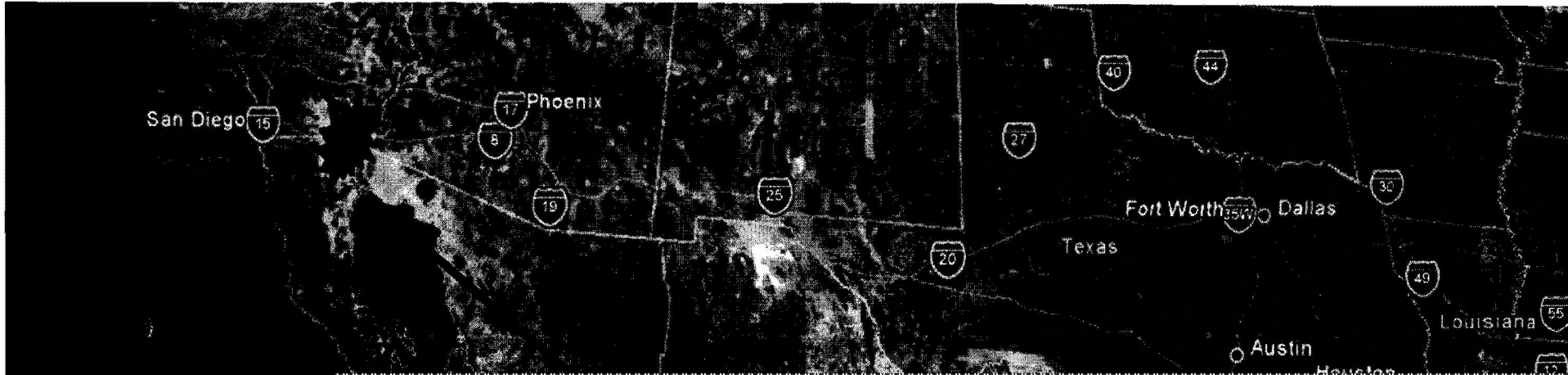
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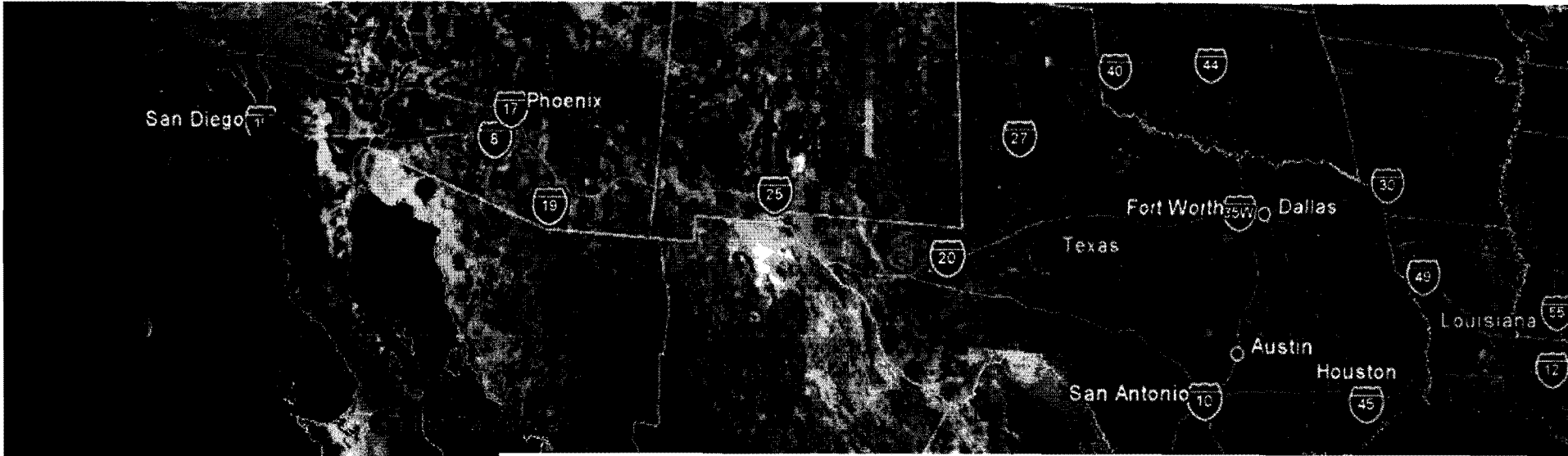
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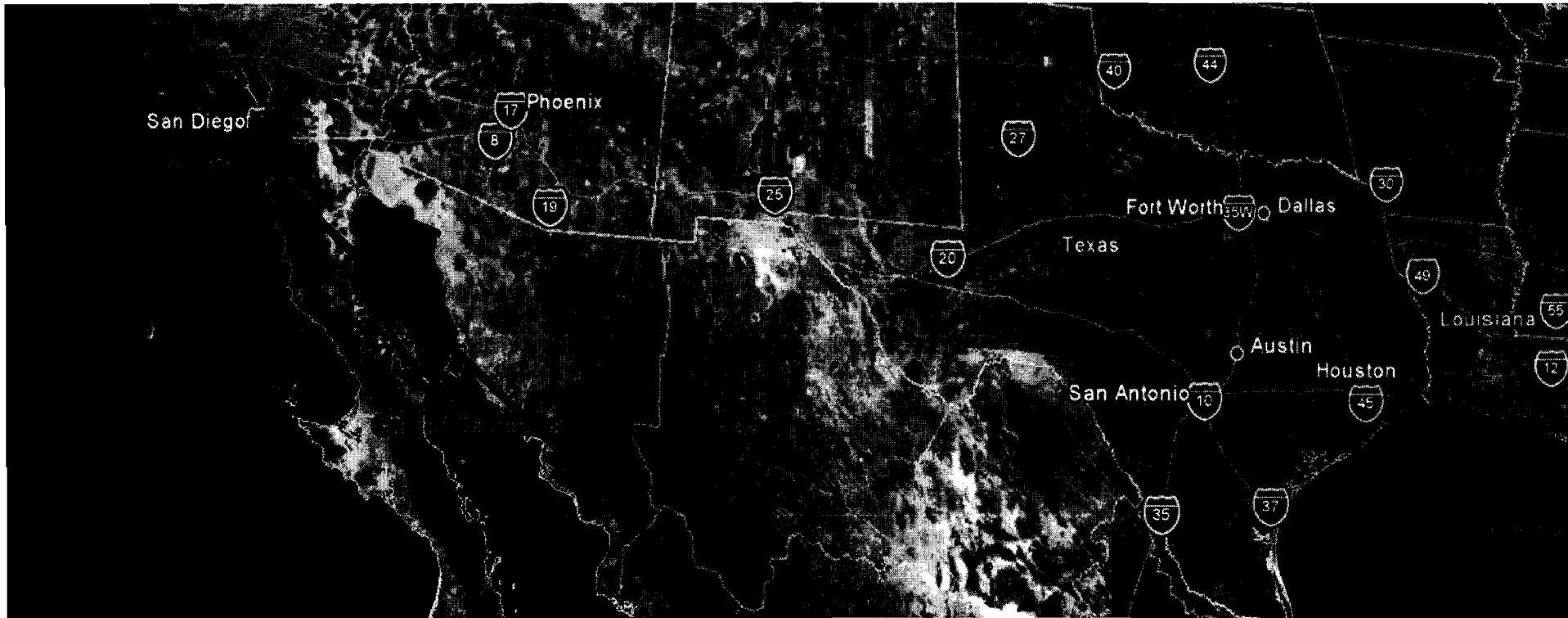
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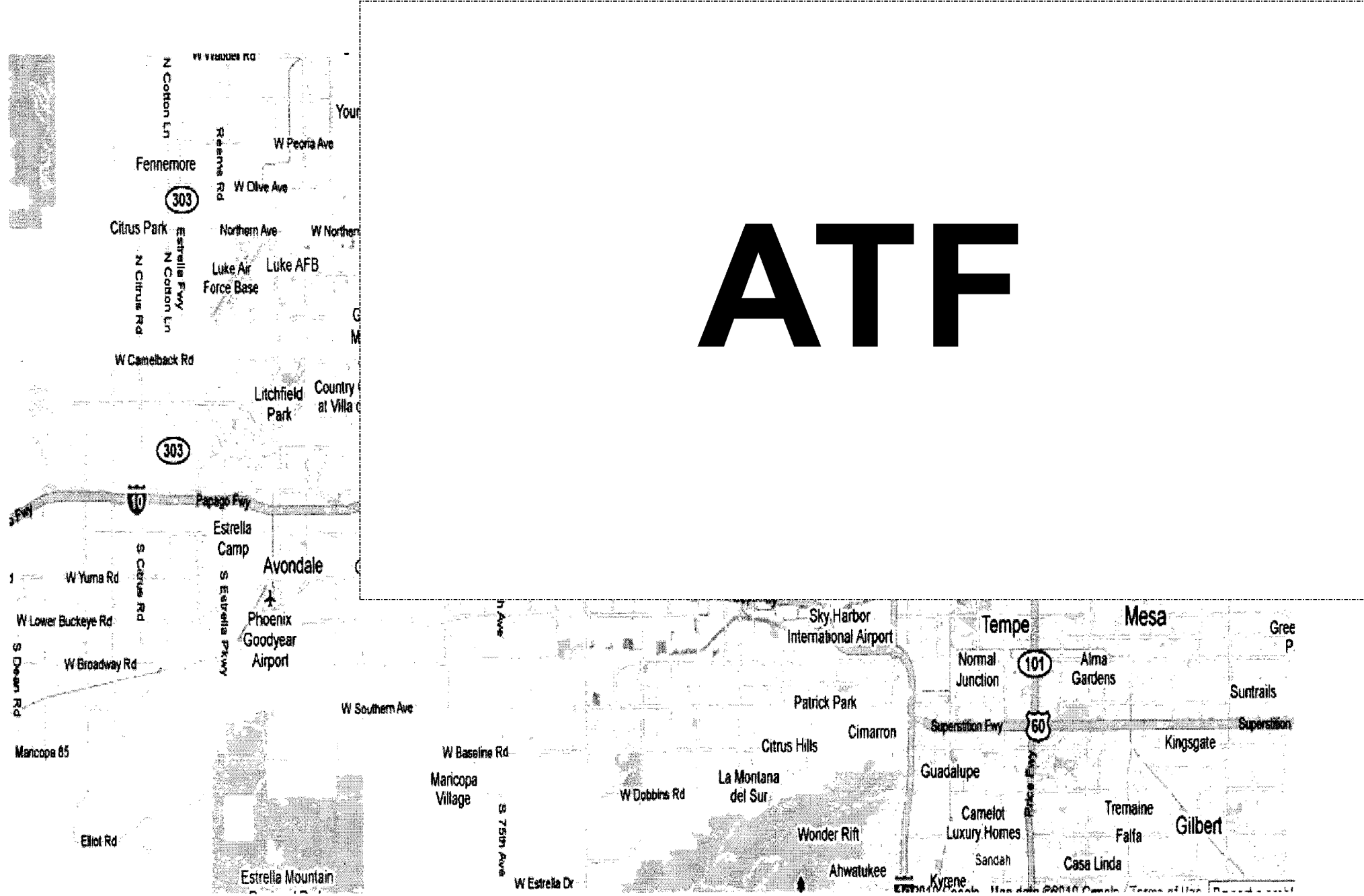


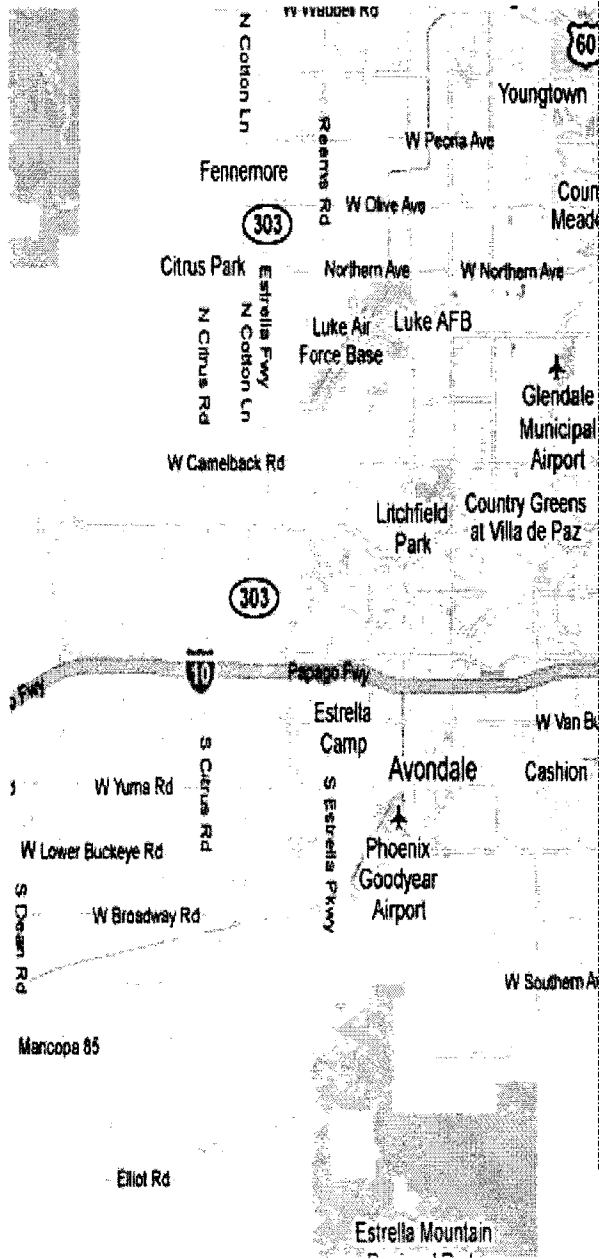
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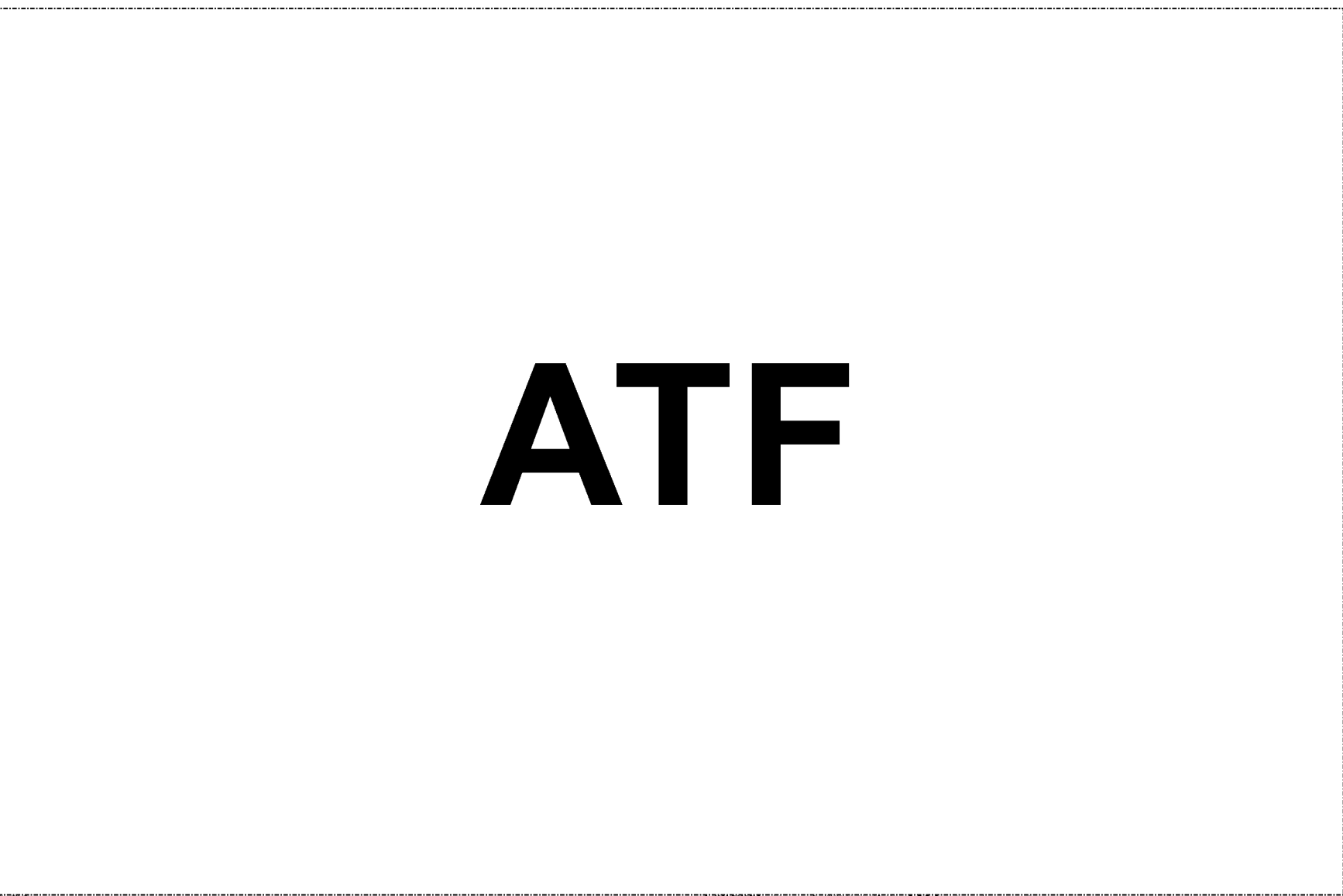
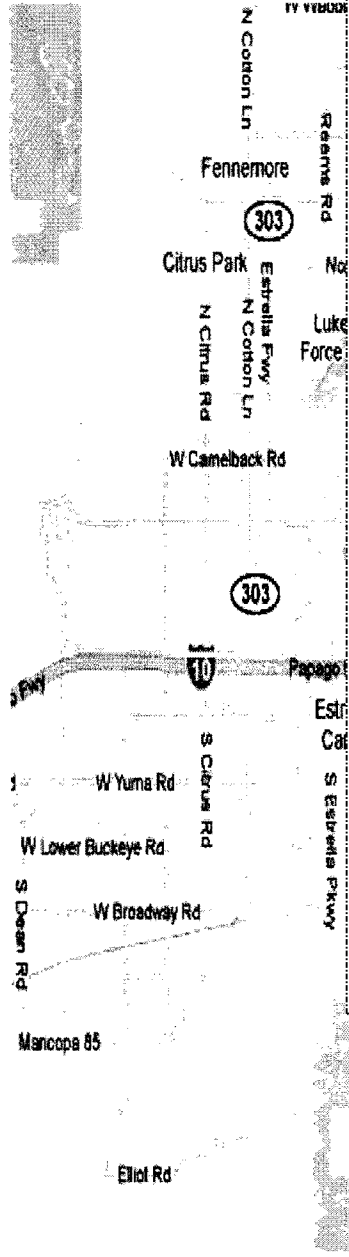
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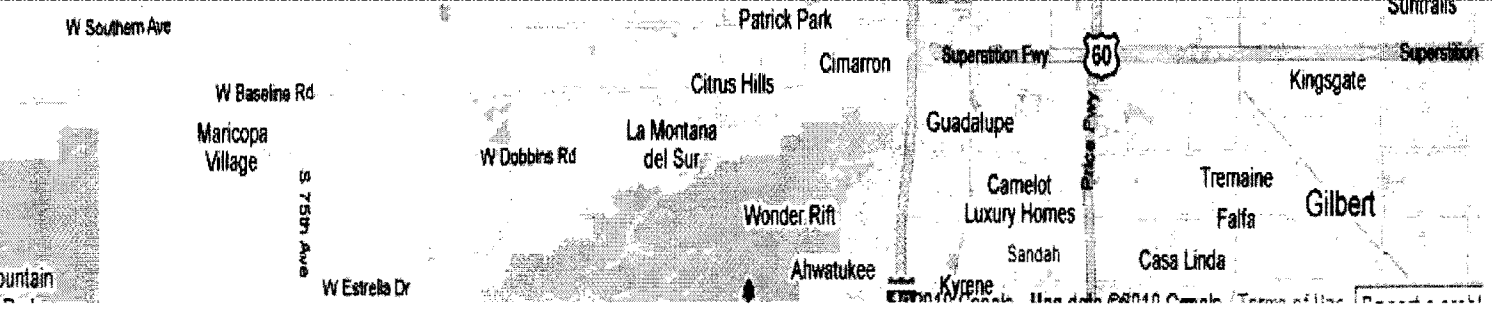
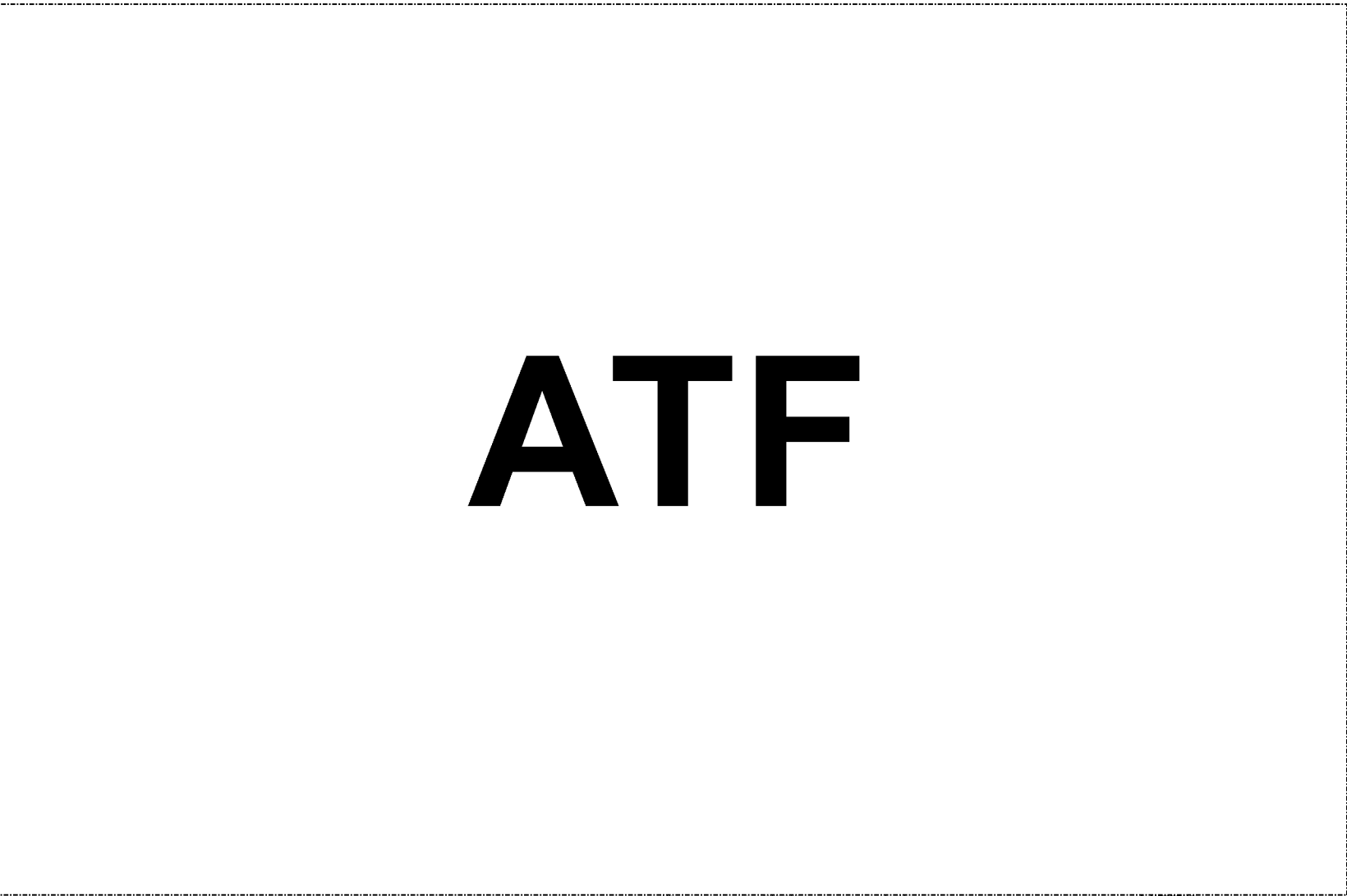
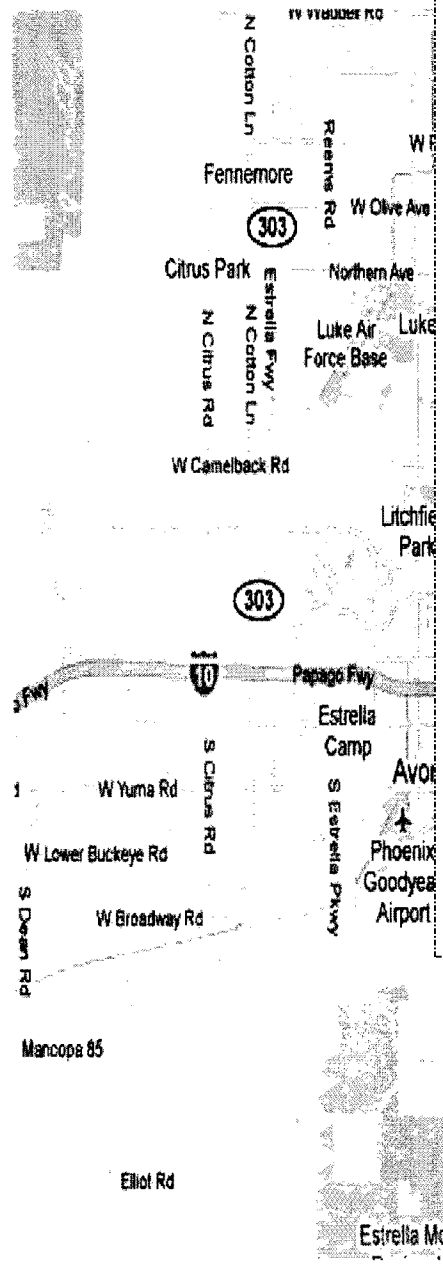


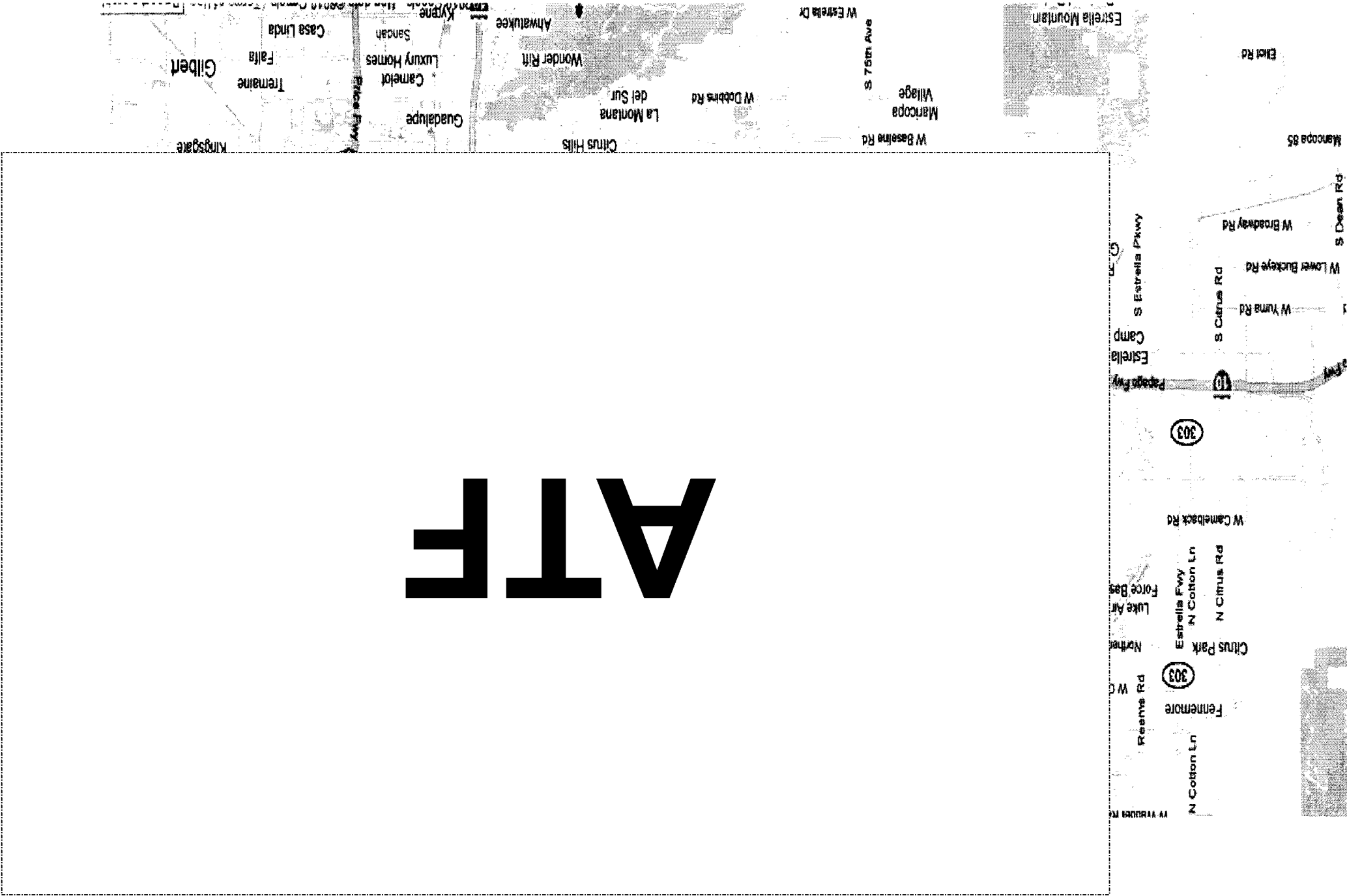
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Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

Case Background

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During the course of this investigation

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Through these investigative techniques agents have been able to identify a large number of additional co-conspirators and disrupt the illegal activities of this firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, over three hundred firearms and over fifty pounds of marijuana have been recovered by agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation.

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List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:

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Proposed Charges:

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Phoenix Field Division

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Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII

(OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner Group)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZ-0496

January 14, 2011

Purpose: Indictment and arrest of approximately nineteen individuals involved in firearms trafficking to Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations/Cartels.

Date of Operation: January 25, 2011.

Background: Since October 2009, ATF, and other partners, have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that is involved in violent criminal activity in Mexico, Southern Arizona and many other regions of the United States. These acts contribute to violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through straw purchasers using bulk narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization has spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area FFLs to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico.

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Through these investigative techniques, agents have been able to identify additional co-conspirators and disrupt the firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, 278 firearms and over fifty (50) pounds of marijuana have been recovered by ATF agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation. An additional 72 firearms have been seized by U.S. law enforcement agencies in response to information received from ATF.

Evidence in ATF Custody: 278 firearms, 250 "drum" magazines, thousands of rounds of various caliber ammunition.

OPERATION DETAILS:

Command Post:

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Incident Commander(s): Incident Commander ASAC Jim Needles.

Arrest Teams: Four arrest teams, four search teams.

Additional ATF Support: No additional ATF support outside the reporting division will be needed to complete the operation.

Specialized ATF Support: ATF Special Response Team, (SRT).

Issues/Problems: No issues or problems that are anticipated.

Anticipated Seizures: No significant seizures are anticipated during the enforcement operation.

Media: Acting Director Melson, SAC Newell, and United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Dennis Burke will hold a press conference at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Action or Follow-up:

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Participants: ATF, IRS, DEA, ICE (HSI), USMS, Phoenix PD, USDA-OIG.

Case Agent:

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Phoenix Field Division

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**Phoenix Field Division
Phoenix Group VII (SWB Group)
Briefing Paper on: 785115-10-0004**

Background

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To date

(September 2009 – present) this group has purchased in excess of 650 firearms (mainly AK-47 variants) for which they have paid cash totaling more than \$350,000.00.

2. To date there have been five (5) notable seizure events connected with this group, and approximately 53 firearms originally purchased by this group have been recovered. Three of these seizures have been in the Country of Mexico, one recovery in Douglas, AZ, and one recovery in Nogales, AZ. The U.S. recoveries were both believed to be destined for Mexico.

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8. On January 5, 2010, ASAC Gillett, GS **ATF** and case agent SA **ATF** met with AUSA Emory Hurley, who is the lead, federal prosecutor on this matter. Investigative and prosecution strategies were discussed and a determination was made that there was

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gathered. This investigation was briefed to United States Attorney Dennis Burke, who concurs with the assessment of his line prosecutors and fully supports the continuation of this investigation.

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10. A joint strategy/de-confliction meeting is planned for Friday, January 15, 2010, with representatives from ICE, DEA, and ATF. This investigation, as well as other ongoing investigations, will be briefed to all present.

Investigative Techniques Used to Date

11. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:

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12. This investigation is currently being conducted in conjunction with the Phoenix DEA OCDETF strike force. ATF Phoenix VII is the lead investigating enforcement group. A formal OCDETF proposal is completed and will be presented on January 26, 2009, in furtherance of this investigation.



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**Phoenix Field Division
Phoenix Group VII (SWB Group)
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Additional Resources

10. This investigation is a Southwest Border "Gunner" investigation initiated by Phoenix Group VII. Group VII did not exist in FY'09 and was newly formed FY'10 under the Southwest Border Strategy to focus on investigations involving the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. As such, Group VII currently is comprised of ATF Special Agents, ATF Supervisor.

11. In order to conduct proper surveillance in this investigation Group VII is totally reliant on other groups and TFO to provide additional bodies. If those agents or TFO have other investigative priorities, ATF if one or more of the agents in Group VII is on leave or training ATF ATF

12. It is hereby respectfully requested that ATF additional special agents be brought in for an initial 30 day detail the purpose of aiding/assisting in this investigation, mainly in the capacity of surveillance. ATF

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13. Additionally, these ATF agents will need vehicles, preferably rental vehicles enabling them to switch out vehicles so as not to get "burned," and communication devices. These communication devices would most likely need to be in the form of either Phoenix Police Department handheld radios or Nextel push-to-Talk cellular telephones.