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Record statement attached, general and **ATF** comments below.

Statement on **ATF** applications -

"The review process for **ATF** is a specific 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."

General statement-

"Fighting criminal activity along the Southwest Border - including the illegal trafficking of guns to Mexico - has been a priority of this Administration and this Department of Justice. The Attorney General takes the allegations that have been raised by some ATF agents about the Fast and Furious operation seriously, which is why he has asked the Inspector General to investigate the matter. The Department has also made clear to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors working along the Southwest Border that under no circumstances should guns be allowed to cross the border into Mexico."

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

From: **Eric H. Schultz**
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 4:45 PM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
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Can you send me the statement?

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

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmaler@usdoj.gov]
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To: Schultz, Eric; Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
Subject: Issa Draft report.

He's embargoed this until 5 pm. Nyt, usatoday, wsj and others are writing on it in advance of hearing. Provided our general statement on IG investigation, as well as wiretap statement and yesterday's record statement.