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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 8:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game

"ends" up... Typing and eating dinner, shame on me.  
Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 07 23:44:18 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game

As for "large seizures" and "DTO related" what about the recent 147 guns in Laredo specifically intended for the Zetas? I could go on and on but once our "Fast and Furious" case breaks it will change this. [REDACTED] and crew know better and we (ATF) needs to be careful about feeding Dept of State with opinion instead of fact. It appears to me that this cable, "authored" by the Ambassador, was based largely on opinion and not fact. It may be the easy road but unfortunately always up being a dead end.  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 07 20:21:43 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 07 20:19:05 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game

**From:** Gil, Darren D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 10:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game  
**Importance:** High

All,

This is the cable that went to Main State. Quite extraordinary in its honest language of the situation here in Mexico.

Although not classified, this cable is sensitive and should not be distributed outside of our offices here in Mexico.

[REDACTED] Leadership should be advised, as I sent an earlier version up already.

Please note the Ambassador's comments which refer to your hard work and commitment here in Mexico, you all are to be commended.

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Darren D. Gil  
ATF Attache-Mexico

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**From:** Gil, Darren D (Mexico City) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** Gil, Darren D.  
**Subject:** FW: Mexico Weapons Trafficking - The Blame Game

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**Sent:** Friday, July 02, 2010 10:32:43

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