
From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Cole, James (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)
Sent: 6/22/2011 10:08:30 PM
Subject: Re: f and f question

I just heard from ATF [redacted] **DP**

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 07:28 PM
To: Cole, James (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)
Subject: FW: f and f question

Here is the latest from ATF on the MX kidnapping/murder. [redacted] **DP**

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I have since asked ATF to run down the accuracy of one of the details in the Fox News story cited in Chairman Issa's letter – namely that Fast and Furious guns were seized during a raid on the kidnappers' compound. ATF folks in MX will pull the reports in the morning. Until that happens, we won't know how accurate/inaccurate the report is.

From: [redacted] **ATF** (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 7:12 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: Re: f and f question

Matt:

In order to be sure of the facts my guys are going to SEDENA to pull the reports in the morning. We cannot get them tonight. We know the raid on the compound was a planned police action based on information that it was involved in the kidnap / torture. I cannot tell you now if any guns were recovered from the compound. I cannot tell you now if the car stop and raid on the compound are the same or simultaneous event(s) or if they were separated by time, geography, etc. I do not know if the car stop and post arrest statement from one of the defendants that he knew where the dead body was also provided the intel that led to the assault on the compound but I suspect that will turn out to be the case.

I am told that the State AG in Mx is to be indicted soon for her role with the cartels. I am also told that those responsible for the kidnapping are possibly associated with the plaza boss of interest in FF. I asked for details on why they think this is the case and was told that is a SCIF conversation.

If you need more tonight let me know. Otherwise I hope to have details by late morning.

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); ATF
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG) (JMD)
Sent: Wed Jun 22 18:50:38 2011
Subject: RE: f and f question
Actually, I do need it tonight if you can swing it. Late tonight is fine.

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 4:54 PM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); ATF (ATF)
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: RE: f and f question

Later tonight is fine for me. If that's not possible, tomorrow morning works too. Thanks ATF

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 4:46 PM
To: ATF (ATF); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: RE: f and f question

My question doesn't need to be answered today.

From: ATF (ATF)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 4:44 PM
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: RE: f and f question

I have our crew in Mexico chasing responses to your questions. It will be later tonight before I have answers. Is this critically time sensitive?

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From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmaler@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); ATF
Cc: Reich, Steven (ODAG) (JMD)
Subject: RE: f and f question

Were the arrests related to the kidnapping or was it just a geographical coincidence?

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 3:09 PM
To: ATF (ATF)
Cc: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: FW: f and f question

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One follow up question. Here is the relevant sentence from the Fox News article: "Gonzalez's body was found last November in a shallow grave outside the city after armed federal police forces raided the kidnappers' compound. Mexican officials arrested the suspects and confiscated the guns." <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/06/17/two-ak47s->

used-to-murder-mexican-lawyer-were-fast-and-furious-guns-sources-say/. Your description below mentions a seizure of guns from guys in cars. Separate and apart from that seizure, was there another seizure of guns from the kidnapers' compound? If so, did any of those guns trace back to Fast and Furious? Thanks.

Matt

From: ATF (ATF)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Cc: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Reich, Steven (ODAG)
Subject: Re: f and f question

No. He was kidnapped in october. Some three weeks later police pull over 6 car loads of guys in the same neighborhood. 8 are arrested. 16 guns are recovered. ATF

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Guns recovered 11/4/10. Guns traced May 2011. ATF No forensics on any of the guns we know of

For fox to suggest the guns are linked is like saying there was a murder in southeast three weeks ago. Tonight a car load of guys get caught with guns in southeast. Ergo the guns are linked to the murder.

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: ATF
Cc: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Reich, Steven (ODAG) (JMD)
Sent: Fri Jun 17 17:33:02 2011
Subject: FW: f and f question
Were two F&F guns actually traced to the scene of this kidnapping? Can you run that down for us?

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To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Cc: Benham, Janelle; Lajeunesse, William
Subject: tracy question

We have learned that 2 Fast and Furious guns have been traced to the scene of the kidnapping of the brother of the now former Attorney General of Chihuahua, the state where Juarez is located.

Mario Gonzales Rodriguez, a lawyer, was kidnapped in October 2010 and was killed in February of this year by a drug cartel. Videos of his torture were posted on U-Tube.

This received heavy publicity in Mexico – not just because he was a family member of a top law enforcement officer – but because of claims he made in the video that his sister while a state AG, protected the Juarez cartel.

While we know from testimony that many US guns from this operation did make it to Mexico, does the Department have any comment to the victims in Mexico of these guns and to the people of Mexico who were interested in this case.