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June 17, 2011

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith:

This responds further to your letter to the Attorney General, dated April 14, 2011, requesting that your staff be granted access to documents reviewed by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform related to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' (ATF) Project Gunrunner.

Enclosed please find more than 500 pages of documents, provided on a disk, that we have produced to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Most of these documents were produced to that Committee on June 10, June 13, June 14, June 15, and June 16, 2011. Your Committee staff has reviewed an excerpt of one document that, upon further consideration, we have decided should be produced.

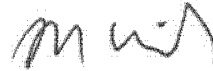
Most of the enclosed documents bear limited redactions to protect specific details about the pending investigations, including text that would identify confidential informants, targets and sensitive techniques, plus information relating to line employees. Some other multi-subject documents bear substantial redactions of text that is not responsive to the Committee's request. Even with the redactions, many of these documents contain non-public material and are not appropriate for public disclosure.

In addition, we have located more than 150 additional pages of law-enforcement sensitive documents that we are prepared to make available at the Department for review by Committee staff. Some of these also bear limited redactions of text that would identify investigative subjects, sensitive techniques and the portion of a multi-subject document that is not responsive to your request. We have offered the same access to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RW', is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald Weich
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member