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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**To:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Reich, Steven (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)  
**Sent:** 7/12/2011 1:29:35 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Share Drive letter and Media Reponse - Pls Review

Has ODAG cleared this? DP  
DP Need to hear from Matt and Steve. Thanks.

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**From:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 1:17 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Reich, Steven (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Share Drive letter and Media Reponse - Pls Review

DP cleared by ATF. This is what I'll plan to provide to media unless there are further edits –

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 11:16 AM  
**To:** Reich, Steven (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Share Drive letter and Media Reponse - Pls Review

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**From:** Reich, Steven (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 11:15 AM  
**To:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Share Drive letter and Media Reponse - Pls Review

I think Matt is the one with the factual background on this.

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**From:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** Reich, Steven (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)  
**Subject:** Share Drive letter and Media Reponse - Pls Review  
**Importance:** High

See the email that Issa press folks included in their release of this letter making an accusations. We need a response now so this doesn't get legs. What about the below?

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Watkins, Becca** <[becca.watkins@mail.house.gov](mailto:becca.watkins@mail.house.gov)>

Date: Tue, Jul 12, 2011 at 10:33 AM

Subject: 2011-07-11 DEI & Grassley to Holder-DOJ - ATF witness shared drive access due 7-18

To:

Attached is a letter from Chairman Issa to Holder asking why Justice would be providing information to Committee witnesses.

So that they can corroborate their stories with Justice talking points, perhaps? Or is it simply to get everyone on the same page in a benign way?

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