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Subject: Fw: QFRs - confirming one sentence
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From: Richardson, Margaret (OAG)
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 06:14 PM
To: Attorney General (OAG)
Cc: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
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Below is a draft from ODAG of the QFR for Senator Grassley that we agreed to submit in early August. They have asked for us to confirm the first sentence: DP
DP The briefing paper is attached below for your reference.

Thank you,
Margaret

From: Ramirez, Monica (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Richardson, Margaret (OAG)
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Margaret - I know you're traveling with the AG, and so I was hoping to confirm the first sentence (which is highlighted) of this response to one of the QFRs. I've attached the briefing paper too. These are due to the Committee early next week.

37. The Department of Justice wrote on February 4, 2011, in response to letters I sent on January 27 and January 31:

At the outset, the allegation described in your January 27 letter—that ATF “sanctioned” or otherwise knowingly allowed the sale of assault weapons to a straw purchaser who then transported them into Mexico—is false. ATF makes every effort to interdict weapons that have been purchased illegally and prevent their transportation to Mexico.

Yet one briefing paper written by ATF Phoenix Field Office agents listed the investigative strategy of Operation Fast and Furious. The briefing paper, which was recently released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee states:

Currently our strategy is to allow the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the investigation and allow for the identification of additional coconspirators who would continue to operate and illegally traffic firearms to Mexican DTOs [Drug Trafficking Organizations] which are perpetrating armed violence along the Southwestern Border.

Questions:

A. Have you read this briefing paper?

Response:

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