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Subject:

Mr. Cole: Good evening sir. Regarding the latest letter from Senator Grassley and Congressman Issa to the Attorney General and the excerpt from Melson's transcript regarding the ATF HQ "rumor mill". The day we met at DOJ, FOX News (I believe) published a story that included a quote from an anonymous source claiming that I was in DC to participate in a press conference announcing Melson's ouster and my ascension to the acting Director position (I found this to be disconcerting as I was unprepared for a press event). The rumors existed even prior to our meeting; unfortunately ATF in general and ATF HQ in particular has always been rife with rumors, many of them spurious. I imagine that for the majority of the special agent cadre, it was simply wishful thinking.

Very respectfully,
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