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I defer to Steve. However he wants to handle is fine.

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Matt- Very sorry for the interruption so early in your vacation, but Steve and I just spoke re: a couple of issue on Mikulski 40 and Hutchison 3 (pasted below) of these AG qfrs:

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(AG - Mikulski 40 - Project Gunrunner ATF - OLA)

ATF's Project Gunrunner combats illegal gun trafficking and violence along the Southwest Border. Since 2005, Gunrunner teams have seized 10,000 illegal firearms and 1 million rounds of ammunition destined for Mexico. Yet violence continues spreading out and away from the Southwest Border and into the U.S. and Mexico.

ATF's gun tracing intelligence is critical to target and dismantle the infrastructure supplying guns to Mexican drug cartels. That is why I am troubled by reports that the ATF allowed assault rifles to be sold to suspected straw buyers who transported them into Mexico. Two of those weapons turned up at the scene of a fatal shooting of a U.S. Border Patrol agent in December 2010, although it is unclear if either of those guns was used to kill the agent. When an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed last month, ballistics tests and a partial serial number traced the weapon used in the shooting to a North Texas smuggling ring that was under ATF observation.

3. 1. The ATF's 2012 budget request includes \$19 million to make Project Gunrunner's nine teams permanent. In the face of these allegations that ATF may not be implementing Project Gunrunner most effectively, what assurances can you give Congress that more aggressive oversight of and safeguards for Project Gunrunner operations will be done to continue ensuring this funding is merited?

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(AG - Hutchison 3 - ICE Agent Shooting in Mexico - FBI)

General Holder, as stated earlier, on February 15, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent Jaime Zapata was murdered, and ICE agent ATF was wounded in an attack in northern Mexico. The ATF traced the murder weapon, where it was linked to a sale in Dallas and three men were arrested in connection with the sale of the weapon used in this incident.

In response to the shootings, DOJ created a joint task force to investigate the shootings where the FBI is the lead agency.

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What can you tell us about the investigative efforts of this task force

since this tragic incident in Mexico?

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