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**Subject:** Phone call with HOGR minority staff re 7/26 ATF hearing

All, Ron and I just spoke with minority chief counsel Dave Rapallo, who advised that they will be sending us transcript excerpts shortly for review and comment to make sure that their disclosure tomorrow won't cause problems for us.

He also indicated that they anticipate raising 3 issues - 1) claims by whistleblowers that they raised concerns have not been borne out; 2) the allegation that F & F was a top down effort has not been supported by their investigation; and 3) the concerns raised in March led to meetings, but many of those concerns weren't apparent to ATF leadership earlier.

He also mentioned that Leadmon may say that he briefed higher-ups at ATF. Ron?