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| То:      | Weinstein, Jason (CRM)     |
| CC:      | Pope, Amy (CRM)            |
| Sent:    | 7/25/2011 10:18:01 PM      |
| Subject: | RE: Just picked up your VM |

I have conveyed the points we discussed, including that Lanny's trip to Mexico was not about individual cases, CRM's limited role in approving wiretap applications and the fact that Issa received a briefing that would have contained more info about specific cases than anything Lanny received. But as I said below, the minority staffers are not letting us script them or feed them talking points. They are guarded in their interactions with us. While they know that Issa is over the top and a bully, they also believe that ATF made significant mistakes and they don't easily distinguish between ATF and Main DOJ like we do. They will challenge specific tactics by the majority and will poke holes in unreasonable or premature conclusions, but they don't see the whole effort as a "witch hunt." DP DP but they don't see themselves as partners in our effort to tell our story.

-----Original Message-----From: Weinstein, Jason (CRM) Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 8:30 PM To: Weich, Ron (SMO) Cc: Pope, Amy (CRM) Subject: RE: Just picked up your VM --

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-----Original Message-----From: Weich, Ron (SMO) [mailto:Ron.Weich@usdoj.gov] Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 8:12 PM To: Weinstein, Jason Cc: Pope, Amy Subject: Just picked up your VM --

| I'll send an email Unrelated | with some thoughts. | DP       |
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