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To: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); Gaston, Molly (ATF); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ)
CC: Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)
Sent: 8/1/2011 5:47:36 PM
Subject: Re: Issa/Grassley Request to DHS

Thanks so much.

From: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 05:44 PM
To: Gaston, Molly (ATF); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ)
Cc: Scheel, Ann (USAAZ)
Subject: RE: Issa/Grassley Request to DHS

Molly: We reviewed with our trial team and have no objection to release of these data. PJC

From: Gaston, Molly (ATF)
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 12:15 PM
To: Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: FW: Issa/Grassley Request to DHS

Hey guys, do you have a couple minutes to quickly discuss this? Thanks.

From: Gaston, Molly
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 4:57 PM
To: Hoover, William J.; Crabb, John D. (USADC); Reich, Steven (ODAG) (JMD); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: Issa/Grassley Request to DHS

Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley have asked DHS for the serial numbers of guns that any DHS agency encountered but did not seize along the Mexico/US border from Sept. 2009-present (note that they've asked only for serial numbers even though a serial number alone is not enough information to positively identify a gun).

DHS has compiled the attached list, on which they've asked us to keep a close hold, and wanted to consult with us on our equities in the matter. There are two categories of guns in the document: guns listed with a "seize type" of "I," meaning that DHS did not seize because it had no basis to do so, and guns listed with a seize type of "N," meaning that DHS did not seize because the encounter occurred while DHS was assisting another agency. It's possible that a gun with an "N" was seized, just not by DHS. Because DHS didn't have information for me about the "N" encounters or what other agency may have been involved in them, I asked a generous soul here at ATF to run the numbers, and it appears that of the ninety-some serial numbers here with which DHS assisted other agencies, two of these are guns from F&F. They were recovered by ICE in El Paso on 1/13/2010.

Would it be possible to let DHS know Monday if we object to their release of this information, and if so, why?

Many thanks,
Molly