

**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Reich, Steven (ODAG); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Ramirez, Monica (ODAG)  
**Sent:** 8/23/2011 10:45:45 AM  
**Subject:** call from Acting IG Schnedar re: aspect of F+F --  
**Attachments:** Chairman Issa and RMM Grassley 7 21 11.pdf

FYI, Cynthia called this AM to chide me (politely) for the paragraph in our response, below, which asks Issa to send the Melson transcript to OIG. She said it is important for OIG's independence that the Department not ask for information on OIG's behalf. She said they feel free to contact congressional committees to obtain information they need -- they don't need our help and are concerned about the appearance of us asking for something on their behalf. I told Cynthia we would be cognizant of that concern in the future.

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**From:** Admin. Assistant (JMD)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 10:31 AM  
**To:** Admin. Assistant (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Cynthia Schnedar, 60542, re: july 21st letter ent to Issa and Grassley that mentions her office

Yes, 7/21/11 outgoing to Issa and Grassley is attached. Thanks Admin. Assistant

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**From:** Admin. Assistant (SMO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 10:29 AM  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**Cc:** Admin. Assistant (JMD)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Schnedar, 60542, re: july 21st letter ent to Issa and Grassley that mentions her office

She called about the July 21st letter that went to Issa and Grassley that mentions her office.

Admin. Assistant do you have access to this letter?