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**From:** Burton, Faith (OLA)  
**To:** Reich, Steven (ODAG); Ramirez, Monica (ODAG); Weich, Ron (OLA); Hoover, William J. (ATF);  
**CC:** **ATF** (ATF); **Admin. Assistant** (OLA); Gaston, Molly (OLA); Colborn, Paul P (OLC); **ATF** (ATF); Kellner, Kenneth E. (OLA)  
**Sent:** 9/9/2011 1:04:20 PM  
**Subject:** FW: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter  
**Attachments:** hogr recovery narrative 99.docx

Enclosed is the recovery narrative, which **ATF** is clearing now within ATF. As soon as it's cleared and hearing no objection, we are prepared to send it to HOGGR/SJC, with Ron's permission, but ATF had to run down the facts on this additional F & F recover in the US and that's just been completed. Hopefully, we can get this out today, but we are not withholding any info here – just trying to make sure that the doc is accurate. Thanks. FB

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**From:** Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Jason\_Foster@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 12:41 PM  
**To:** Gaston, Molly (OLA); Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep); **Admin. Assistant** (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); **ATF** (ATF); Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep); Reich, Steven (ODAG); Castor, Stephen (Stephen.Castor@mail.house.gov); Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

That is correct, Molly. I also left a voice mail for Steven Reich. The Department is apparently unwilling to provide us with any details whatsoever related to what is known about the additional violent crime connected to Fast and Furious referenced in its August 31 letter. These questions have been pending since May—approximately four months. Every request for a status or some level of preliminary information that we make has been responded to with nothing more than, “we’re working on it” or “we’re still trying to nail down the details.”

As I made clear in person with Steven Reich just after the Dennis Burke interview, we would really appreciate it if you would make a good faith effort to let us know something about what you know rather than just putting us off. Please explain to us (1) the nature of whatever initial information you have gathered thus far, (2) why it is incomplete or not reliable enough to transmit as your final answer to the questions, (3) what steps you are taking to finalize the Department's answer, and (4) how long those steps will take in order to provide your final answer.

Cordially,  
Jason A. Foster  
Chief Investigative Counsel

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**From:** Gaston, Molly (OLA) [mailto:Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 12:19 PM  
**To:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep); **Admin. Assistant** (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); **ATF** Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep); Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep)

**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

Brian, I just spoke with Jason about this.

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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brian\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 09, 2011 12:09 PM  
**To:** Gaston, Molly (OLA); Admin. Assistant (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); ATF Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep); Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter  
**Importance:** High

Molly, Faith ATF

Can the Department of Justice please confirm these reports below and if this is the second incident that was referenced in the August 31, 2011 letter, which is attached. We have requested the details regarding this one other instance occurring in the United States since last Friday.

[http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/investigations/abc15-investigators-confirm-violent-az-crime-associated-with-atf-fast-and-furious-case](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/abc15-investigators-confirm-violent-az-crime-associated-with-atf-fast-and-furious-case)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-atf-gun-20110908,0,109137.story>

The letter states:

In fact, beyond these two firearms, ATF is aware of only one instance where a firearm associated with Operation Fast and Furious was traced and coded as recovered in connection with a crime of violence in the United States.

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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** 'Gaston, Molly (OLA)'; Admin. Assistant (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); ATF  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter  
**Importance:** High

Molly,

Can DOJ please provide the details of the one other Fast and Furious weapon referenced in the letter.

Thank you,

Brian

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**From:** Gaston, Molly (OLA) [mailto:Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2011 3:15 PM  
**To:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep); Admin. Assistant (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); ATF  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

Brian, as Faith told Jason last night, we are working on this. It's essential that we do everything we can to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide. We will get it to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience.

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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brian\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2011 2:41 PM  
**To:** Admin. Assistant (OLA); Burton, Faith (OLA); Gaston, Molly (OLA); ATF  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

**Importance:** High

Faith and: **ATF**

Any update on the one event in USA? Would very much appreciate an update.

Thanks

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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** Admin. Assistant (JMD) (Admin. Assistant); "Faith.Burton@usdoj.gov" (Faith.Burton@usdoj.gov); 'Gaston, Molly (SMO) (Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov)'; **ATF**  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter  
**Importance:** High

Any update on one in the USA? Thanks.

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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2011 3:39 PM  
**To:** Admin. Assistant (JMD) Admin. Assistant; 'Faith.Burton@usdoj.gov' (Faith.Burton@usdoj.gov); Gaston, Molly (SMO) (Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov)  
**Cc:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter  
**Importance:** High

And regarding the one in the USA? Can DOJ please provide the details?

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**From:** Gaston, Molly (OLA) [mailto:Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2011 3:33 PM  
**To:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep); Burton, Faith (OLA)  
**Cc:** Admin. Assistant (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

Tristan, the "additional" means 21 firearms in addition to the 7 firearms that were erroneously included in the first response as US recoveries, but that are actually Mexico recoveries.

Thanks.

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**From:** Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2011 9:02 AM  
**To:** Admin. Assistant (JMD); Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Cc:** Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep); Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep); CEG (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

Admin. Assistant

Senator Grassley has a question about this response. Are the 21 "additional" firearms recovered in Mexico in addition to the 7 initially identified as being recovered in the U.S. but which were actually recovered in Mexico, or does the figure of 21 encompass those 7 firearms?

Tristan L. Leavitt  
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**From:** Admin. Assistant

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2011 6:24 PM

**To:** 'Stephen.Castor@mail.house.gov'; 'ashok.pinto@mail.house.gov'; 'henry.kerner@mail.house.gov'; Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep); CEG (Judiciary-Rep)

**Cc:** 'dave.rapallo@mail.house.gov'; 'Susanne.Grooms@mail.house.gov'; 'Sherman, Donald'; Paris, Jeremy (Judiciary-Dem); Virkstis, Matthew (Judiciary); Park, Chan (Judiciary-Dem); Burton, Faith (SMO)

**Subject:** DOJ Response to Chairman Issa and Senator Grassley 8/16/11 Letter

**Admin. Assistant**