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HSGAC staff have advised that our offer to hold the briefing on 9/30 will not work for them because many people will be out that week. They're suggesting the afternoon of Wed. 10/12 or Thurs. 10/13 (NB 10/10 Monday is a holiday). Nicole also said that they plan to invite CBP and ICE because they want to examine coordination issues as well as the whole Gunrunner/Fast & Furious story. She thinks that the briefing may take several hours because McCain's staff has so many questions. I advised her that we usually plan for an hour or so, but we'll work with them to answer all the questions, etc.

Please see below re info that she's provided about their particular interests and let me know if the afternoons of 10/12 and 10/13 will work for you. We'll coordinate with ICE and CBP soon, but she had not connected with those entities when we spoke this afternoon. Thanks. FB

From: Martinez, Nicole (HSGAC) [mailto:nicole.martinez@ice.dhs.gov]
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Subject: RE: fast and furious

DHS

Hi Faith,

Per our conversation yesterday, I'm sending some info on what topics we'd like the Fast and Furious briefing to include. In addition to the general overview and update on the operation, we'd like to cover a general timeline including involvement by main justice and any other departments, the status of prosecutions that have resulted from the operation, and information on the firearms recovered in the U.S. and Mexico. We'd also like to get details on the nature of involvement of FFLs in the operation, and the nature of the overall strategy employed in F&F. Sen. McCain's staff has also indicated that they would like ATF to address the interagency coordination aspect of the operation, as well as in Project Gunrunner generally. We will likely invite full committee staff to the briefing, so I anticipate there will be questions about aspects of the operation that I have not included above.

Sen. Lieberman would like us to schedule this briefing as soon as possible. Please let me know if the afternoon of the first Monday after recess – Oct 3rd – works on your end. If you have questions or concerns about any of the above, please feel free to call anytime. Thanks very much.
Nicole