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**From:** Weich, Ron (OLA)  
**To:** Appelbaum, Judy (OLA)  
**Sent:** 9/29/2011 11:34:06 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Request from the Washington Times

Let's call her together.

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**From:** Schmalers, Tracy (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 11:31 AM  
**To:** Appelbaum, Judy (OLA)  
**Cc:** Weich, Ron (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: Request from the Washington Times

i can talk in about an hour -- on cell **Privacy**

On Sep 29, 2011, at 8:11 AM, "Appelbaum, Judy (OLA)" <[Judy.Appelbaum@usdoj.gov](mailto:Judy.Appelbaum@usdoj.gov)> wrote:

Adding Ron. I guess we could say we're working on it, but I think it would be better to explain to you where things stand. Can you call one of us?

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**From:** Schmalers, Tracy (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 11:02 AM  
**To:** Appelbaum, Judy (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: Request from the Washington Times

I'm on road -

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**From:** Appelbaum, Judy (OLA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:33 AM  
**To:** Schmalers, Tracy (OPA)  
**Subject:** RE: Request from the Washington Times

I can fill you in on the Grassley doc request -- I'm in briefly today, and am at my desk now.

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**From:** Schmalers, Tracy (OPA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:30 AM  
**To:** Appelbaum, Judy (OLA); Greenfeld, Helaine (SMO)  
**Subject:** Fw: Request from the Washington Times

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**From:** chuck neubauer [mailto:cneubauer@washingtontimes.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:12 AM  
**To:** Schmalzer, Tracy (OPA)  
**Subject:** Request from the Washington Times

Ms. Schmalzer,

I am working on a story about the stalled nomination of Andrew Traver to be head of atf.

I submitted some questions to your office yesterday and was told you were handling it.

I am on deadline for the story to run tomorrow.

Can you get back to me?

Thanks

Chuck Neubauer

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**From:** chuck neubauer [mailto:cneubauer@washingtontimes.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2011 2:17 PM

**To:** Sessego, Nichole

**Subject:** Request from the Washington Times

Hi Ms. Sessego,

As we discussed, I am working on a story about the stalled nomination of Andrew Traver to be director of the ATF.

Although he was first nominated last November, he has yet to have a confirmation hearing.

I tried to talk to him and was told that Justice has said he can not do interviews why the nomination is pending. Is that accurate? Was he referred to Jessica Smith of your office.

I sent her an email yesterday but have not heard back.

My deadline is approaching this afternoon and I would like to get Justice's response to my questions about the nomination. I have also sent questions to the White House.

I would like to talk to someone about the nomination and why it has stalled.

What is Justice's role in the process?

Why has he not been confirmed after 10 months? Why has there been no hearing at the Senate Judiciary committee on his nomination?

Who is holding up the nomination? Can he be confirmed?

Are the Republicans delaying the confirmation? Or the Democrats?

Sen. Grassley's office says that they have not had discussions with the White House or Sen. Leahy about the nomination. Is that accurate? The Democrats say the Republicans are still doing their due diligence? Is that accurate?

Sen. Grassley's office said that in June they requested additional information from White House about questions in Mr. Traver's background. They said they had not heard back from the White House.

Is this accurate? Have they requested additional information? And what has the White House done about the request? Has the White House gathered such information and turned it over?

Also, some observers have raised the possibility that the White House may be delaying the Traver hearing because of all the controversy over Fast and Furious. What is the White House response to that?

Thanks

Chuck Neubauer

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