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Subject:

heads-up, HJC may ask AG to testify on F+F --

Just fielded a call from Chairman Smith's staff. She said the Chairman is concerned about allegations in the stories this AM re: the AG's answers to questions at the May HJC oversight hearing about when he learned of Fast + Furious. She said Smith wants the AG to testify at a hearing on this subject in the next few weeks - possibly <u>Fri October 14</u>. She said Smith may make a public statement about such a hearing this afternoon.

I explained why the stories are overblown and why a hearing would be unproductive. I offered to make the AG available for a phone call with Chairman Smith to discuss this subject in lieu of a hearing. The staffer will take that offer back to Smith and will let me know.