

1. Genesis:

A. Case appears to have begun on Oct. 31, 2009. On that date

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B. This is the first date in the ATF Management Log. It's also the earliest date referenced in the first ROI. [Show Mgmt Log]

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D. During course of the investigation, ATF went back and asked for 4473s that predated Oct. 31, 2009. Were able to obtain records of historical purchases by their targets.

2. ROIs

A. Haven't re-read ROIs recently. But these were my reactions when I read them back in March.

B. No ROIs showing guns allowed to cross into Mexico.

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F. Unclear what factors influenced how long to let the investigation run.

G. Number of guns/cash involved is staggering.

H. [Show charts.]

3. Operational controls

A. Question is what operational controls were in place while case was developing. Regardless of whether further development was necessary to build strong case against the straws or to build case up the chain, still necessary to have mechanisms in place to ensure that guns don't disappear.

B. USAO has described a number of controls they had in place;

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8. TECS – were getting info about suspects going to/coming back from MX.

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10. Knock and talks – on occasion, would do knock and talk to see if could identify additional suspects.

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C. Question is whether those controls were sufficient.