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We just received the initial Compliance Statement of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. In it, they indicate that they have available a 1977 investigative file on John Masen, which I do not believe we have reviewed (we did receive from ATF a 1986 Masen file a short time ago). ATF said the file is too extensive to transmit to us but that it is available for inspection. The compliance statement does assert that the Masen file was reviewed by ATF and "harbors nothing that appears to pertain to the assassination." Notwithstanding ATF's assessment, perhaps a review is appropriate to see if the 1977 file references any 1963-64 files/investigations. If you think appropriate, perhaps one of the analysts who have worked on the "gun running" issues can review this file. All they would need to do is contact the ATF compliance officer, Robert Hogarth (202-927-7743), to make arrangements to review the file. Let me know how you want to proceed.

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