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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 10:40 AM
To: ATF; Newell, William D.; ATF
Subject: FW: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.

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From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 6:46 PM
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Subject: Fw: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.

See below.

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
To: ATF; Burton, Faith (SMO)
Sent: Tue May 03 18:33:44 2011
Subject: RE: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.

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Matt

From: ATF (ATF)
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Subject: Draft response to Grassley's letters of 3/4 and 3/28 re Zapata shooting, etc.

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- (1) Although the gun used in the assault on Agent Zapata that has been traced back to the U.S. was purchased on October 10, 2010, how can we know that it did not make its way down to Mexico after the November investigation, when the arrest of these three criminals might have prevented the gun from being trafficked and later used to murder Agent Zapata?

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- (2) When did law enforcement first become aware that ATF purchased the gun?

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(3) Given that the likely recipients of any trafficked guns were so close to the border, did any ATF personnel raise concerns about the possibility of those guns being used against U.S. law enforcement? If so, how did the ATF address those concerns?

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(4) Did any ATF personnel raise concerns about the wisdom of allowing individuals like the ATF ATF continue their activities after the November weapons transfer? If so, how did the ATF address those concerns?

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In addition to answering those questions, please provide all records relating to:

(5) When law enforcement officials first became aware of the trafficking activities of ATF ATF

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(6) Surveillance that may have been conducted on the [ATF] to the November transfer of weapons between the [ATF]

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(7) The November transfer; and

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(8) Any surveillance that law enforcement continued to conduct on the [ATF] after the November transfer.

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