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Subject: RE: Urgent -- Fast and Furious Case

These are the press points AG used and will use for the hearing this morning.

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Transcript

REPORTER: There were questions today raised about fast and furious. Has the program been suspended? And why were Mexican, why wasn't the Mexican Government informed of it at the time?

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER: Well, we are, as I guess you all know, I have asked our Inspector General's Office to look into that matter. The aim of the ATF is to try to stop the flow of guns. I think they do a good job in that regard.

Questions have been raised by ATF agents about the way in which some of these operations have been conducted. I think those questions have to be taken seriously, and on that basis I have asked the Inspector General to look at it.

REPORTER: In a general way, as someone who has overseen dozens and hundreds of investigations, as an investigative tool, have you ever heard of a situation where you would allow heavily on high-powered weapons to go over a border, and then not know what happens on the other end? Unlike dummy drugs or dummy bombs that you have used extensively in other cases, how does that happen?

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER: Well, I think one has to understand that there is a difference between the investigations and using the examples that you have, you supplied.

The purchase of drugs is illegal, and we know that from the beginning of an investigation. The use of or transmission of a bomb is something that we know is illegal.

You can purchase weapons legally. They can be transferred legally. It makes those investigations more difficult, more complex in some ways, than other investigations.

Now, whether there should be guns allowed to travel, or let them run, whatever the phrase is, is something that I think we have to look at and examine. And that's one of the reasons I've asked the Inspector General to look at, look at the facts and see exactly what happened, and whether or not what happened was appropriate.

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DOJ,

Could you circulate to this list what the Attorney General said yesterday & the press points you've derived from his statements?

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Thank you.

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Adding Tracy from DOJ's press office. I'll send the public comments that the AG made yesterday when asked about FF at a press conference yesterday, which might address some of the concerns below. We can also review the suggested edits to the talking points. **DP**

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Many thanks.

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Our original points:

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