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Subject: F & F Updates from Smith and Issa staff plus -

1. Issa staff called this am – they are looking for 2 groups of docs responsive to the subpoena. The first pertains to the briefing books that were prepared in connection with Melson’s 2010 visits to the Phoenix field office, which they believe occurred at least twice and perhaps more. They would like those briefing books. Second, they would like the written reports that Newell prepared regarding Fast & Furious for OCDETF in 2010, presumably in connection with OCDETF’s funding of the investigation.

Can we locate these docs and review them in connection with this request?

2. Talked with Crystal of HJC/majority staff it sounds like they want 2 briefings – the first along the lines of the one we’ve already provided in which Matt and Billy would talking about PG and F & F – should be tailored to those questions in their letter. The second would be more focused on ATF management and possible institutional breakdown, i.e. how is ATF interfacing with DOJ leadership, how does ATF do its firearms work; how does ATF make decisions; who is running the ship. They are willing to accept Billy for this; we can discuss that further. They’d like both of these in the next 2 weeks, beginning with the 1st one.
3. Got a call from a former DOJ colleague who is representing Gill, for legal attaché, in an interview with Issa staff. Will call about that shortly. Thanks. FB