From: Chait, Mark R. Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 8:19 AM To: Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E. Subject: FW: Grand Juries Indict 34 Suspects in Drug and Firearms Trafficking Organization

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From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 8:08 AM
To: McMahon, William G.; Chait, Mark R.
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FYI - DRAFT press release.

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All, below is the final proposed press release for tomorrow's press conference. It will not be made public until the press conference at 10AM MTS. Please let me know if there are any items I need to correct.

Thanks

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District of Arizona

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From: ATF Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:10 AM To: Chait, Mark R. Subject: FW: Fast & Furious Attachments: QAs FastFurious 110112 djw tc st.docx; FFExecutive Summary011011tc.docx; FFDirectorStatements011011tc.docx; FFAdditionalEnforcementActions011011tc.docx; TP FastFurious 011011tc.docx

I have these printed out for you.

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From: ATF Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 3:07 PM To: ATF Subject: FW: Fast & Furious

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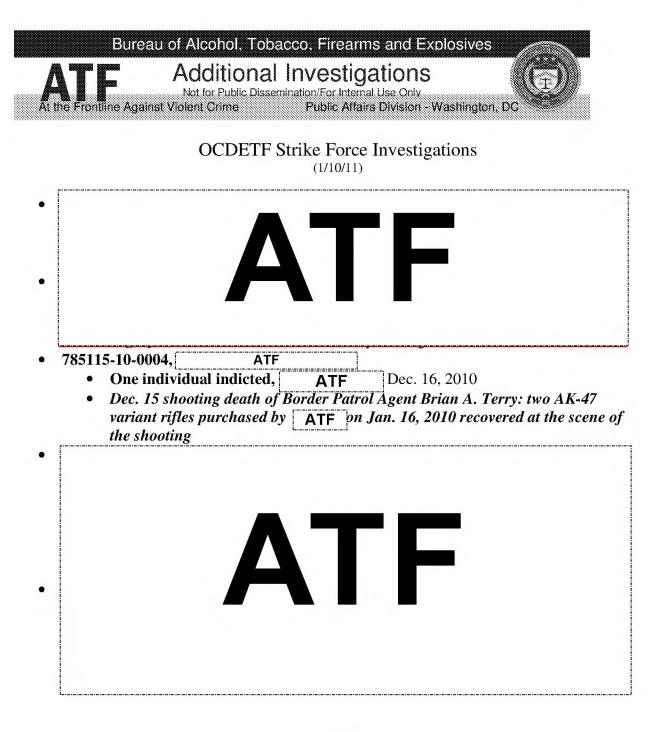
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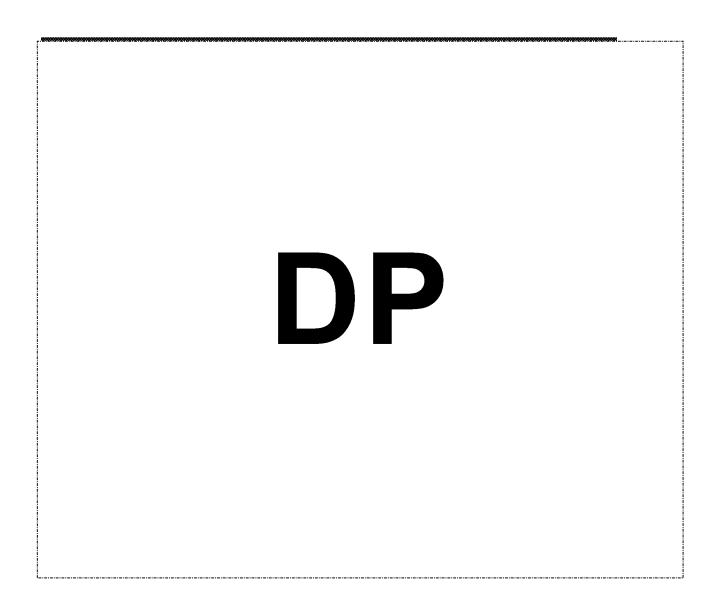
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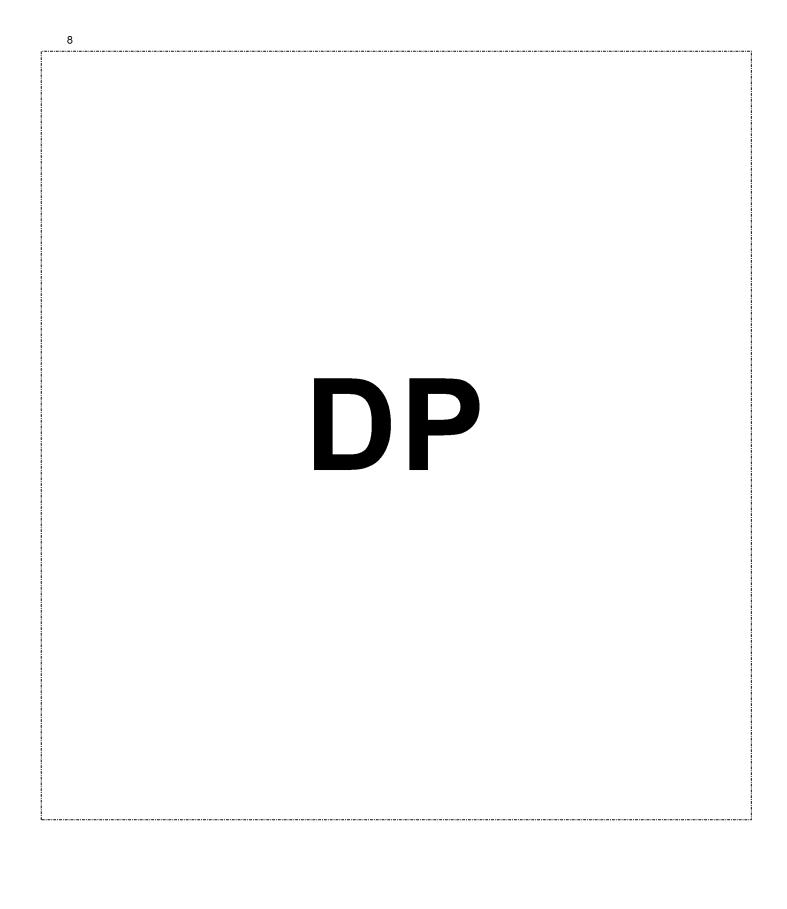
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I hope that when you are my age, you will be able to say as I have been able to say: We lived in freedom. We lived lives that were a statement, not an apology. - Ronald Reagan



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 From:
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 Tuesday, June 01, 2010 2:14:38 PM

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 CC:
 Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.

 Subject:
 RE: Response -- Negative / Request for Supplemental Documentation / ATF O 3310."Firearm Transfer" / ? - Supervisory Approval Requirement

10-4. My comments do not concern prop firearms.

From: ATF Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:02 PM To: ATF Cc: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G. Subject: RE: Response -- Negative / Request for Supplemental Documentation / ATF O 3310."Firearm Transfer" / ? - Supervisory Approval Requirement

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I think we should address this item with the immediate work ahead that we've discussed (and are meeting on today). I wasn't in the El Paso conversations, but I assume the student SAs were referring to allowing firearm transfers, between individuals or between FFLs and individuals, to occur without LE interference in furtherance of a trafficking type investigation.

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DP	Good idea - let's discuss later today.
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The language below would seem to support that position. Given that our Firearms Enforcement Order has not been updated for 21 years and much has changed during the intervening period DP

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 From:
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 Tuesday, April 27, 2010 6:03 PM

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 From:
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 Sent:
 Tuesday, April 27, 2010 11:49 AM

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ATF ... sorry for the delay. I've checked several resources, including our PD&E Shared Drive, which is an archive of old policy memos, broadcast messages, e-mails, and other miscellaneous documents and items and have not been able to find any supplemental policy regarding weapons transfer. It seems the information in ATF O 3310.4B is the only policy that exist.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Program Analyst **ATF** Policy Development and Evaluation Branch Field Management Staff, Office of Field Operations 99 New York Avenue, NE, <u>Room 6S-229</u> Washington, DC 20226 <u>Off. 202-648</u> **ATF** Fax. 202-648-9617

I am who I am because of who we all are!

From: ATF Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 4:14 PM

Cc: ATF

Subject: Request for Supplemental Documentation / ATF O 3310."Firearm Transfer" / ? - Supervisory Approval Requirement

REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION RE ATF O 3310.48 " WEAPONS TRANSFER" AND SUPERVISORY APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

Per discussion this date, requesting supplemental documentation, if any, issued by HQ and/or Field Divisions reflecting the requirement of supervisory/SAC approval for "Weapons Transfers," which is not addressed in ATF O 3310.48.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

"WEAPONS TRANSFER"

ATF O 3310.48 Firearms Enforcement Program cites that a special agent "may choose to allow the transfer of firearms to take place in order to further an investigation and allow for the identification of additional coconspirators who would have continued to operate and illegally traffic firearms in the future, potentially producing more armed crime."

Comment: Order reflects no procedural notation regarding supervisory approval; sole discretionary practice by investigative personnel

Reference: ATF O 3310.4B Firearms Enforcement Program, p. 113

- Extract: 148. "Weapons Transfers"
 - a. <u>Considerations</u>. During the course of illegal firearms trafficking investigations, special agents may become aware of, observe, or encounter situations where an individual(s) will take delivery of firearms, or transfer firearm(s) to others. In these instances, the special agent may exercise the following options:
 - (1) In cases where probable cause exists to believe a violation of law has occurred and the special agent determines there is a need to intervene in the weapons transfer (e.g., the recipient of the firearms is a known felon; it is known the firearms will be used in crime of violence), the special agent shall do so but should place concerns for public safety and the safety of the involved special agents as the primary determining factor in exercising this option.
 - (2) In other cases, immediate intervention may not be needed or desirable, and the **special agent may choose to allow the transfer of firearms to take place in order to further**

an investigation and allow for the identification of additional coconspirators who would have continued to operate and illegally traffic firearms in the future, potentially producing more armed crime.

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