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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (SMO)
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 12:54 PM
To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG) (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) (SMO); Raman, Mythili; Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Weinstein, Jason; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)
Cc: Moran, Molly (OAG) (SMO); Swartz, Bruce; Warlow, Molly; Hoover, William J. (ATF)
Subject: FW: ATF GOM Ambassador

Her is a follow up to my last email. If you scroll down you will find the proposed GOM statement

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M. [mailto: **Kevin M. O'Reilly**]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 12:50 PM
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Restrepo, Daniel A.
Subject: RE: ATF GOM Ambassador

Embassy Mexico monitored the AG's hearing, and this is what they took away from it regarding this issue:

Sen. Hutchinson:

Let me ask you about the ATF issue that I mentioned in my opening statement. There are reports that there was actually a knowledge of the ATF of the sales that were going on of arms out of America illegally into Mexico. Reportedly, I think to be able to trace them. But after the shooting of an ICE agent and the BP agent in Arizona, what is your view on that? I know that you solicited an IG study. Is this the correct use of Project Gunrunner? Of course it's a great concern.

Attorney General Holder:

The mission of ATF is to stop the flow of guns into Mexico and to people who shouldn't have guns here in the states. ATF has served greatly here and in Mexico.

It is true, there have been concerns. I take those allegations very seriously and that is why I asked the IG to report on it. Letting guns 'walk' is not something that is acceptable. Guns are different than drugs or money when we are trying to follow their trail. That is not acceptable. We cannot have a situation where guns are allowed to walk. And I made that clear to attorneys and agents in charge of ATF.

Kevin Michael O'Reilly
Director for North American Affairs
National Security Staff
The White House

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
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Following the Government of Mexico's request for information about ATF's Operation "Fast and Furious" and the statement made by the U.S. Department of Justice, The Office of the Attorney General states:

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Thanks Kevin

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]
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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 10:31 AM

To: Daniel A. Restrepo;

Kevin M. O'Reilly

Subject: ATF GOM Ambassador

I attended. This meeting

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Thanks

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