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To: Grindler, Gary (OAG); Cole, James (SMO); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)
Sent: 4/15/2011 3:38:17 PM
Subject: Re: Possible subpoena for cooperating FFL

Ok. We have to be careful. His decision has to truly be his. If he testifies so be it.

Issa and his idiot cronies never gave a damn about this when all that was happening was that thousands of Mexicans were being killed with guns from our country. All they want to do- in reality- is cripple ATF and suck up to the gun lobby. Politics at its worst- maybe the media will get it.

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This keeps escalating.

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To: Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG); Richardson, Margaret (SMO); Weiner, Robert (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:26 PM
To: Burton, Faith (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)
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I just spoke to Pat Cunningham. He just got a call from a lawyer, ATF for one of their cooperating FFLs. Issa's staff (Pinto, Kerner, and Castor) called the lawyer yesterday and said they were going to subpoena the FFL to testify in a hearing on May 10 or 11. ATF told Issa's staff that his client has a variety of concerns with testifying, including the fact that he is a witness in a criminal matter and concerns for his safety. Staff told him that it would be easier to keep this confidential if he was willing to come in for a voluntary interview. Counsel said that his client didn't want to. Staff asked whether he would accept service of a forthwith subpoena on Monday. ATF said no he wouldn't. ATF asked USAO-AZ if DOJ could help quash the subpoena. ATF asked USAO-AZ what they would do to help assure the safety of his client. USAO-AZ and ATF and the client will be meeting next week to discuss a threat assessment.

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