

From: Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
CC: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: 2/11/2011 4:08:41 PM
Subject: RE: ATF guns

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:06 PM
To: Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
Subject: RE: ATF guns

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From: Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: RE: ATF guns

Hadn't gotten a question on it yet.

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Miller, Matthew A (SMO)
Subject: Fw: ATF guns

You saying anything on the most recent letter?

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 03:52 PM
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)
Subject: FW: ATF guns

Are you still taking these calls?

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From: Swan, Tracey (SMO)
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:44 PM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)
Subject: FW: ATF guns

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From: Billeaud, Jacques [mailto:jbilleaud@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:43 PM
To: Swan, Tracey (SMO)
Subject: ATF guns

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jacques Billeaud, and I'm a reporter for The Associated Press in Phoenix. I am writing to you today to request comments from DOJ on a Feb. 9, 2011, letter that Sen. Charles Grassley wrote to Attorney General Eric Holder regarding guns allegedly used in the Dec. 14 shootout near the Arizona-Mexico border. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry died in the shootout.

DOJ had earlier told Grassley that the allegation was false. Grassley's letter -- see the attachment -- says he has documents to back up his assertion that two AK-47 variants found at the shootout scene had the same serial numbers as two guns bought in an ATF operation by an alleged straw buyer. What does DOJ have to say about the senator's assertion?

I plan to put a story on the wire within the next half hour.

I would appreciate whatever help you can provide.

Sincerely,

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