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CBS is picking this up. we'll decline the interview. I'm checking w. USAO since they had a statement last week on status of 4 illegal immigrants. [REDACTED]

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For a story on the CBS EVENING NEWS, I request an on-camera interview with someone at the Justice Department today. Correspondent Sharyl Attkisson and I are focused on questions relating to the ATF's Project Gunrunner, similar to those raised by Senator Charles Grassley. With or without the interview, I also need answers to the following please:

1. Why weren't any of the 4 illegal immigrants picked up right after CBP agent Brian Terry's shooting charged in his death? Are they believed to be uninvolved in his death? Are there any suspects in his death? (What's the status of that investigation?)
2. Was Agent Terry killed with one of the two rifles recovered at the scene of his murder? If not, have they identified and/or seized the weapon he was shot with? What type is it/was it one in ATF's tracking system?
3. Is [REDACTED] ATF released on his own recognizance? Why? He's charged with very serious crimes.
4. Are the others charged with him also released on their own recognizance?

Please respond to these questions by the end of business today and separately, provide an answer as to whether someone at Justice is willing to do an interview today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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