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Subject: RE: Draft Response to the CBS story on ATF - for use if asked -

All - please see the version I just sent and then hang tight for just a bit until Tracy is on the ground and can weigh in.

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Dennis,

We just watched the piece. It is about 5 minutes long and is very negative, alleging ATF improprieties in the Fast and Furious investigation and death of Agent Terry. The piece highlighted multiple unnamed ATF agents involved in the investigation who were allegedly warning managers of dangerous investigative practices (allowing straw purchases from seven FFLs in 2009).

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Thanks,
Scot

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I added some more below.

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I've talked with Laura Sweeney, who's crashing on the ICE shooting arrest and Tracy is traveling with the AG. If ATF is asked about the CBS story that will run tonight, what about saying:

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Please comment. Anything more we should add?

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