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From: Schnedar, Cynthia A. (OIG)  
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To: Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF); Cole, James (SMO)  
Cc: Smith, Brad (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); Blier, William M. (OIG)  
Subject: RE: Review of Project Gunrunner Strategies

Ken,

**DP**

I am leaving shortly for meetings that will last until 3:30, but our General Counsel, Bill Blier, will give you a call to discuss this. If you want to talk to me, I will be available after 3:30.

Cynthia

(Stuart, Bill will also give you a call to update you on what we are considering for the scope of a review).

From: Melson, Kenneth E. [mailto:Ken.Melson@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2011 8:11 PM  
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Subject: Review of Project Gunrunner Strategies

DAG Cole and Acting IG Schnedar: Today ATF announced the formation of a panel to review and make recommendations as to practices in complex firearms trafficking cases. We released the following statement:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will ask a multi-disciplinary panel of law enforcement professionals to review the bureau's current firearms trafficking strategies employed by field division managers and special agents. This review will enable ATF to maximize its effectiveness when undertaking complex firearms trafficking investigations and prosecutions. It will support the goals of ATF to stem the illegal flow of firearms to Mexico and combat firearms trafficking in the United States.

# DP

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Ken Melson