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Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>

To:

Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)

CC: Sent: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) 3/7/2011 6:58:25 PM

Subject:

RE: Talkers

Definitely not the murder weapon. That hasn't been recovered. The shooter ran off, taking that weapon with him. When Pat Cunningham finishes reviewing the talking points I think he can answer whether there's any evidence that the recovered weapons were used in the shoot out or just dropped. But the bullet that killed Agent Terry did not come from any of those found at the scene.

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 4:55 PM

To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>; Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)

Cc: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) **Subject:** RE: Talkers

So, the guns recovered at the site were not the murder weapon, just used in the shootout?

From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor>

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 6:52 PM

To: Smith, Jessica A.

Cc: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

Subject: RE: Talkers

Here's what I got from James Grimaldi about an hour ago.

Robert,

Do you have a minute to chat about Fast and Furious? I am writing a story.

Also, I heard that you issued a statement essentially ruling out those two weapons as murder weapons in the Terry investigation?

James V. Grimaldi The Washington Post grimaldij@washpost.com 202-334-4459

FYI, We didn't issue any statement on the matter. However, in the LA Times story last week by Kim Murphy, it looks like the ATF did, buried down near the bottom.

"ATF officials said there was no evidence showing the two Fast and Furious guns found at the scene were used to kill the agent."

http://articles.latimes.com/2011/mar/03/nation/la-na-guns-mexico-20110304/4

From: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO)

Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 4:40 PM **To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor> **Cc:** Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)

Subject: RE: Talkers

Thanks, Robbie. Looping in Laura and Tracy. From: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor> **Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 6:38 PM To: Smith, Jessica A. Subject: Re: Talkers Eta on this is very soon. Also we got a request from James Grimaldi at the Post that I think should be kicked to you. He wants confirmation that the weapons recovered at the Terry crime scene were not the murder weapon. DP From: Smith, Jessica A. (SMO) **Sent**: Monday, March 07, 2011 05:15 PM To: Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) <Contractor> Subject: FW: Talkers Robbie: Can your team review the talkers below and see if theyre on/ off the mark? Thanks, Jess **From:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 3:59 PM To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); (ATF); Smith, Jessica A. Subject: Re: Talkers As I understand it - usao has not confirmed any internal discussions w/ ffl. Jess - can reach out to dennis or robbie! **From**: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Sent: Monday, March 07, 2011 03:52 PM To: ATF (ATF) **Cc**: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) Subject: RE: Talkers Thanks ATF dding Tracy, as we're all working on various pieces right now. **ATF** (ATF) From **Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2011 3:36 PM **To:** Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Subject: Talkers A. On the issue of "sanctioning" or "encouraging" gun sales:



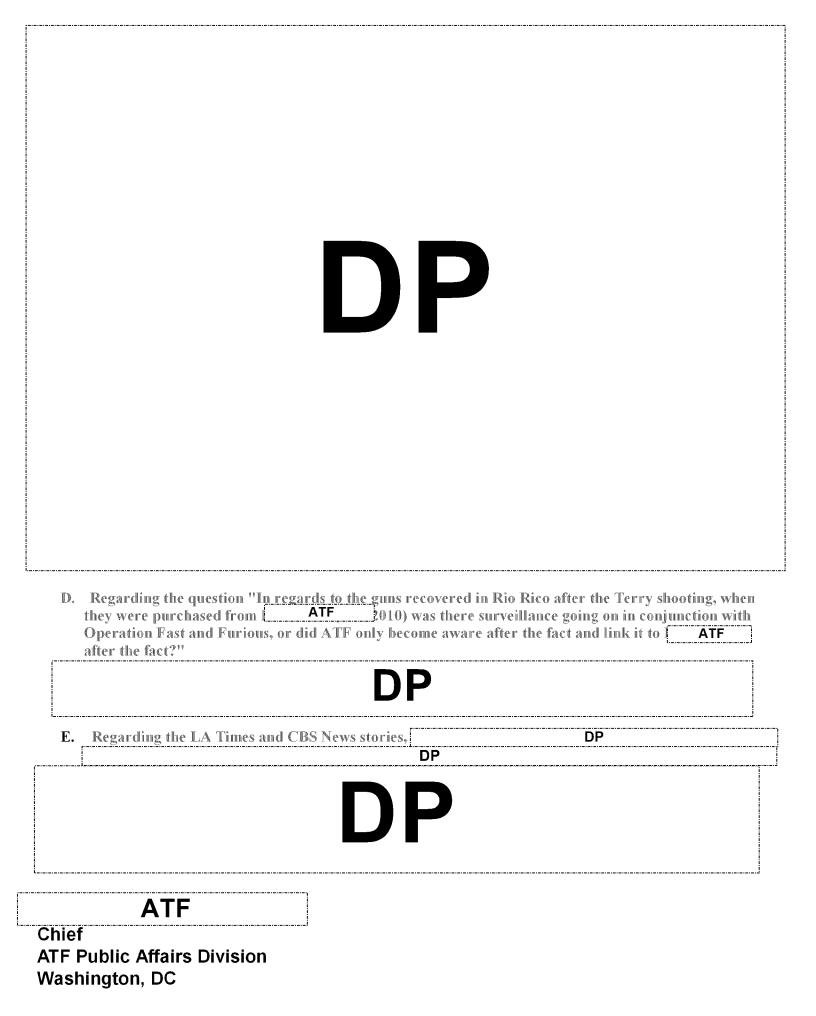


B. On the issue of "walking guns" or the timely seizure of guns:

DP

C. When weapons sales were monitored and those guns later turned up in crime scenes, had ATF somehow "authorized" the sales that ATF could have ordered stopped, or did ATF somehow not seize the guns appropriately or in a timely fashion?:

DP



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