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The Honorable Eric Holder Jr.
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I forward to you the enclosed letter from the National Rifle Association requesting examination of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) activities related to "Project Gunrunner." I understand that Senator Grassley has been making inquiries, as well. He raised the matter today in an oversight hearing with Secretary Napolitano.

I write to ask whether components of the Department have reviewed this matter and the status of any such inquiries. I also inquire with respect to the operation and whether it remains ongoing.

Sincerely,


PATRICK LEAHY
Chairman