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Subject: FW: ATF GOM Ambassador

Her is a follow up to my last email. If you scroll down you will find the proposed GOM statement

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From: Kevin M. O'Reilly
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 12:50 PM
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Restrepo, Daniel A.
Subject: RE: ATF GOM Ambassador

Embassy Mexico monitored the AG's hearing, and this is what they took away from it regarding this issue:

Sen. Hutchinson:

Let me ask you about the ATF issue that I mentioned in my opening statement. There are reports that there was actually a knowledge of the ATF of the sales that were going on of arms out of America illegally into Mexico. Reportedly, I think to be able to trace them. But after the shooting of an ICE agent and the BP agent in Arizona, what is your view on that? I know that you solicited an IG study. Is this the correct use of Project Gunrunner? Of course it's a great concern.

Attorney General Holder:

The mission of ATF is to stop the flow of guns into Mexico and to people who shouldn't have guns here in the states. ATF has served greatly here and in Mexico.

It is true, there have been concerns. I take those allegations very seriously and that is why I asked the IG to report on it. Letting guns "walk" is not something that is acceptable. Guns are different than drugs or money when we are trying to follow their trail. That is not acceptable. We cannot have a situation where guns are allowed to walk. And I made that clear to attorneys and agents in charge of ATF.

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
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Following the Government of Mexico's request for information about ATF's Operation "Fast and Furious" and the statement made by the U.S. Department of Justice, The Office of the Attorney General states:

As part of the intense exchange of information it conducts with the Department of Justice [the PGR] has had contacts regarding various specific cases, some of which are known to have links to this operation. As has already been mentioned, at no time [did the PGR] have information indicating that U.S. authorities have planted or have authorized the crossing of weapons into Mexican territory, which would not have been acceptable to Mexico under any circumstances.

[The PGR] Recognizes the commitment to bilateral cooperation shown by the Department of Justice and ATF itself to initiate investigations into this case and has offered the support that may be required in both processes in order to fully clarify the facts and if so required punish those responsible.

The Government of Mexico reiterates its commitment to strengthen cooperation with the United States to prevent and stop trafficking in weapons from the U.S. into Mexico.

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Thanks Kevin

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From: **Kevin M. O'Reilly**

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Can you please send to me? So I can see what can be done on this end

Thanks

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 10:31 AM

To: **Daniel A. Restrepo**, **Kevin M. O'Reilly**

Subject: ATF GOM Ambassador

I attended. This meeting the Ambaasador mentioned a proposed statement he would like done as coordinated or joint statement. Can you please send to me? Thanks

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