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Subject: AZ Proposed Edits to Draft Issa response
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Matt and Colleagues: Enclosed in Track Changes are our AZ proposed changes, and I reprinted the text in this email with the proposed changes in red.

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For your background, here are the details of [ATF] purchases and the Columbus, New Mexico stop that has been made public in part by the New Mexico USAO indictment of the Councilman [ATF]

On January 14, 2010, in Columbus, New Mexico (a border town), U.S. Border Patrol agents pulled over a vehicle driven by [ATF] due to suspicious driving behavior. In the vehicle they found three AK-47 type rifles purchased by [ATF] three FN Herstal Five-Seven pistols purchased by [ATF] on January 9, 2010, [ATF] and two Ruger pistols purchased by another. U.S. Border Patrol agents did not observe any other criminal conduct and so returned the firearms to the occupants of the vehicle. They did not trace any of the firearms. ATF Phoenix was notified of the observation of the firearms on May 17, 2010, after ATF Las Cruces forwarded information in connection with a firearms trafficking investigation in New Mexico involving [ATF] and others. **The investigation of [ATF] is still on-going, likely involves public corruption and must be viewed as close-hold.**

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On November 25, 2009, ATF entered [ATF] in the ATF case management system as a suspect in the investigation. This event does not result in the creation of an ROI.

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Thanks and please call if you need more! PJC

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO)

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Subject: Draft Issa response

Attached is a draft response to Chairman Issa's letter of March 16, as well as two attachments that would go with it.

I've attached the incoming letter as well for ease of reference. We're hoping to get this letter back to Chairman Issa in the next day or two, so I'd ask the USAO and ATF to each send back comments/edits (if any) by the end of the day tomorrow. As always, if anything is inaccurate, please make sure to let me know. As always, thanks for your help on this.

Matt