From:

Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)

To:

Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO)

CC:

Wade, Jill C (SMO); Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO)

Sent: Subject: 4/1/2011 8:40:43 PM RE: AG House QFRs

Since I did not receive draft responses to the three QFRs tasked to OLA (Wolf 20-22), I let Mike Cupertino (JMD) know that Molly and Faith are OLA's POCs on these should JMD need to follow-up directly.

From: Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:25 PM **To:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO) **Cc:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Wade, Jill C (SMO)

Subject: RE: AG House QFRs

Here are the QFRs referenced below.

Please let me know if you will NOT be able to submit drafts by <u>this Thur.</u> or sooner so that I can let JMD know. They learned late yesterday that all QFRs will need to go to OMB and as such have asked all three policy offices (OLA, OLP and OASG) to have review all first drafts by <u>this Fri.</u> This would mean that OLP and OASG has very limited time to review and sign-off on these three.

Thanks, Rita

Department of Justice FY 2012 budget overview (AG House hearing)

(AG - Wolf 20 - Gunrunning - OLA)

CBS News reported last week that it has uncovered evidence which supports the allegation that the ATF is essentially participating in gunrunning to Mexico's drug cartels. It suggested that several gun shops wanted to stop the questionable sales, but were encouraged to continue selling by the ATF, so that ATF could continue gathering intelligence. This tactic is supposedly referred to as letting the guns "walk."

. What is your response to these allegations?

ANSWER [insert]

(AG - Wolf 21 - Gunrunning - OLA)

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. Is it true that a Customs and Border Protection agent was shot in December with rifles purchased in Arizona earlier in the year as part of the ATF's effort?

(AG - Wolf 22 - IG Report on Project Gunrunner - OLA)

Since 2009, we have appropriated more than \$65 million for Project Gunrunner. The Inspector General's November 2010 report on this program found several weaknesses including that "ATF's expansion of its e-Trace system (to trace guns seized in Mexico) has yielded very limited information of intelligence value."

. Has the report caused you to rethink this program?

ANSWER [insert]

From: Gaston, Molly (SMO)

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 9:12 AM **To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO) **Cc:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Wade, Jill C (SMO)

Subject: Re: AG House QFRs

Yes, Faith and I are drafting these but waiting for ODAG to send back the oversight response draft.

From: Weich, Ron (SMO)

Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 08:56 AM

To: Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)

Cc: Burton, Faith (SMO); Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO)

Subject: RE: AG House QFRs

Taking off JMD and adding Molly. Faith and Molly, please make sure we don't say anything in a QFR reply on this subject that differs from what we are saying in response to oversight letters.

From: Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 3:38 PM

To: Ambrose, Cheryl (JMD)

Cc: Cupertino, Michael (JMD); Burton, Faith (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Wade, Jill C (SMO)

Subject: RE: AG House QFRs

Looping in Ron, Faith and Jill for their guidance.

OLA – please let me know if you need me to pull these QFRs off the MAX system for you, if you do not have your own MAX password (note - all review/edits to these are to be completed and saved into MAX, so please let me know if you'll need assistance with that, as well).

From: Ambrose, Cheryl (JMD)

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 3:11 PM

To: Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO) **Cc:** Cupertino, Michael (JMD) **Subject:** AG House QFRs

Rita,

I don't know if the Budget Analyst for ATF sent an email regarding 3 QFRs. ATF felt that these should be answered by OLA. Please let me know if you agree. They are regarding gunrunning and Project

Gunrunner. I have attached the link for you to view.

AG Wolf 20 - https://max.omb.gov/exercises/collect/x/fP1QWF

AG Wolf 21 - https://max.omb.gov/exercises/collect/x/GEEuGD

AG Wolf 22 - https://max.omb.gov/exercises/collect/x/aej6jT

Thanks.