From: Melson, Kenneth E. McDermond, James E ATF Hoover, William J. Sent: 1/28/2011 12:35:17 AM Subject: Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

We will do it first thing in the morning. Billy, what is your status tomorrow? Ken

To:

CC:

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From: McDermond, James E. To: Melson, Kenneth E. Cc: ATF ; Hoover, William J. Sent: Thu Jan 27 19:31:31 2011 Subject: Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Director,

OLA has already been notified and has a copy of the letter. I do agree with you that ODAG should be engaged. I would respectfully ask that you or Billy make that call.

Regards. Jim James McDermond, Assistant Director - ATF

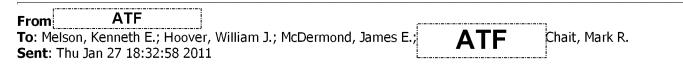
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From: Melson, Kenneth E. Hoover, William J.; McDermond, James E.; ATF To: **Sent**: Thu Jan 27 18:35:02 2011 Subject: Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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We should probably get ODAG involved first thing, and before we go to OLA

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Fyi. Probably need to be prepared to give OLA some kind of brief as early as tomorrow. Even if its just at 100,000 feet.

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From: Weich, Ron (SMO)To:ATFAgrast, Mark D. (SMO)Sent: Thu Jan 27 18:16:51 2011Subject: RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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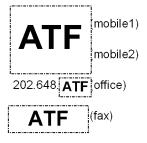
From:ATF(ATF)Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:03 PMTo: Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)Subject: FW: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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 Sent:
 hursday, January 27, 2011 4:14 PM

 To:
 'Weich, Ron (SMO)'; 'Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)'

 Cc:
 'Burton, Faith (SMO)'; Admin. Assistant
 ; McDermond, James E.; Gonzales, Mary (OLA);

 Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
 Subject: RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Just got off the phone with Grassley's staffer.

He wants these questions/issues answered/addressed:

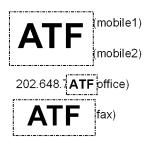
-) That firearms were sold to known or suspected traffickers in AZ and that the FFL informed ATF that he had concerns,
-) That ATF asked the dealer to continue making the sales in furtherance of their investigation,
-) That two of these weapons were recovered from the scene of the 12/14/2010 firefight that killed CBP Agent Brian Terry and that one of those weapons was actually used to kill Agent Terry.
-) An overview of how Project Gunrunner works.

I mentioned that I didn't know how much information we would be able to share with them because this is an open case/investigation. They cited numerous occasions where they have been briefed on open cases and stated that they need to be briefed to assess whether the information they have is viable or not. They claim to have "documentation" that confirms their concerns. They are firm on their date of doing something by next Thursday, 2/3/2011.



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 To:
 Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)

 Cc:
 Burton, Faith (SMO); Admin. Assistant

 Subject:
 A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

 Importance:
 High

| We need to | discuss this very sensitive issue ASAP. | ATF | |
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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:59 AM
To:
C: Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep);
ATF
Subject: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley
Importance: High

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Grassley. Please confirm receipt, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian M. Downey

Investigative Assistant

U.S. Committee on the Judiciary

Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

U.S. Senate

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