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To: Melson, Kenneth E.
Sent: 1/27/2011 11:53:14 PM
Subject: Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Agree - if possible.

The good news is that is:

(a. ATF DP and,
(b. He's not available until at least early next week.

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Subject: Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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)
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Subject: RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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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 fire 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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Importance: High

We need to discuss this very sensitive issue ASAP.

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Importance: High

Hello,

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

Sincerely,

Brian

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