



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 requesting records pertaining to meetings in Mexico on Project Gunrunner between June and September, 2010.

The document that you have requested is an internal Executive Branch communication. The State Department's longstanding practice is to consider release of internal Executive Branch communication documents when requested by the chair of a committee of jurisdiction. Under these circumstances, we respectfully ask that you channel your request through the chair of a committee of jurisdiction, at which point we would be pleased to respond to it. The Department is committed to providing Congress with the information it needs to fulfill its legislative duties. To that end, we note that the Department is currently responding to a similar request from the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

We hope this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Macmanus", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Joseph E. Macmanus
Acting Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable
Charles E. Grassley,
United States Senate.