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Attachments:

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Matt:	We just got this request and our press	person is fashioning a response	DP
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**From:** Wagner, Dennis [mailto:dennis.wagner@arizonarepublic.com]

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## Hi, Robbie:

Attached is a letter and attachments sent by Sen. Grassley to AG Holder. I'm writing a story for tomorrow. My questions are as follows:

- -- Are the emails supplied by Sen. Grassley authentic?
- -- Does DOJ/ATF stand by previous denials that firearms were knowingly allowed to go south of the border as part of Fast and Furious?
- -- Does DOJ/ATF still deny that FFLs were authorized and/or encouraged to sell guns to suspected straw buyers even after they raised concerns with feeral agents and prosecutors?
- -- How did firearms purchased during Fast and Furious make it into Mexico? Were those weapons purchased by straw buyers prior to a time when the suspects in question were under surveillance? Were the straw buyers under surveillance but somehow able to evade agents and cross the border? Was it a combination of both? Is there some other explanation.
- -- Will DOJ/ATF now provide documents requested by Sen. Grassley?
- -- If yes, when? Also, will the agencies also provide those records to me?
- -- If no, please explain the refusal to cooperate with a congressional inquiry, and please do not use the "ongoing investigation" claim as an excuse.
- -- After reviewing Sen. Grassley's letter, the emails, my questions and any other materials you may have, is there anything else that needs to be said or clarified about this matter?

Thanks, as always.

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