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**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG)  
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**Subject:** RE: proposed statement

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:Matthew.Axelrod@usdoj.gov]  
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**To:** Grindler, Gary (OAG) (SMO); Raman, Mythili; Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) (SMO)  
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Here's what we said in our response to Chairman Smith on April 4:

“Operation Fast and Furious is an ongoing criminal investigation of an extensive gun-trafficking enterprise. It was opened over a year ago and approved by the ATF Phoenix Field Office and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona (USAO) in the normal course, consistent with established procedures for such matters. The investigation was subsequently approved by the multi-agency Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Program.”

**From:** Grindler, Gary (OAG)  
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Gary/Lisa: Per your conversations with Gary, here is the statement that Lanny would like AG to use.

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