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**To:** ATF  
**Sent:** 7/15/2011 2:16:10 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Associated Press story re Fast and Furious

Thanks

**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, July 15, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Cc:** Brandon, Thomas E.  
**Subject:** RE: Associated Press story re Fast and Furious

Yes we are calling her now

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**From:** Needles, James R.  
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See below, will you handle?

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From: [ATF]  
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 9:20 AM  
To: [ATF]  
Cc: [ATF]  
Subject: Associated Press story re Fast and Furious

Hi, [ATF] My name is [ATF] and I'm a national writer with The Associated Press based in Phoenix. I'm wrapping up a national AP piece about the Fast and Furious operation that is meant to be a broad overview not only of the investigation itself but of the background and history that led to it. I wanted to reach out to you to see if you might be willing to talk with me. I left you a few messages on your Phoenix numbers, though I believe you're now working in Minnesota. Someone there also promised to pass along a message to you. I'd be more than happy to talk with you preliminarily to better explain the story I'm writing, but I very much wanted to give you the opportunity to comment, even briefly, on the operation and how it all came together.

Let me give you some numbers. Cell is [ATF] I'm also working from home today, and that is [ATF] I'm also more than happy

to call you at whatever time is most convenient. I do hope to hear back from you.

Thank you so much for your time.

**ATF**

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