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42. Awareness of Operation Fast and Furious

Questions:

When and how did you first learn of Operation Fast and Furious or the strategy of “allow[ing] the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the

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43. Deputy Attorney General's Office

Questions:

When and how did any official in the Deputy Attorney General's office first become aware of Operation Fast and Furious or the strategy of “allow[ing] the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the investigation”? Please provide a detailed answer for each official in that office.

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44. Criminal Division

Questions:

- A. When and how did the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Lanny Breuer, first become aware of Operation Fast and Furious or the strategy of “allow[ing] the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the investigation”?**

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- B. When and how did any other official in the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division first become aware of Operation Fast and Furious or the strategy of “allow[ing] the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the investigation”? Please provide a detailed answer for each official in that office.**

Response:

See Responses to Questions 37A-D and 42.

45. Other Awareness

Questions:

- A. Before the death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, who else at the Justice Department headquarters knew about the existence of Operation Fast and Furious or the strategy of “allow[ing] the transfer of firearms to continue to take place in order to further the investigation”?**

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- B. When and how did they become aware of it?**

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51. ATF Leadership in Phoenix

I understand that the ATF Phoenix Field Office has temporarily assigned a new Special Agent in Charge and two new Assistant Special Agents in Charge. That constitutes the top three leadership positions in that office.

Questions:

- A. Why was this new leadership assigned?**

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- B. Has this ever happened before in the ATF? Please provide supporting documentation of these changes in the Phoenix field office leadership in addition to any other similar changes in ATF leadership.**

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- C. Does this change in leadership represent an acknowledgement that mistakes have been made by those who were replaced? Please explain.**

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- D. Will the ATF officials who were temporarily replaced return to their posts or will they**

permanently be replaced in the Phoenix Field Office?

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E. Where will Phoenix Special Agent in Charge (SAC) William Newell be assigned after his temporary Headquarters assignment ends?

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