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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2010 10:19:22 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Re: Fast and Furious update

10-4 thanks.

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----- Original Message -----
From: Newell, William D.
To: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Sat Feb 13 22:15:02 2010
Subject: Fw: Fast and Furious update

This is the 700+ gun Strike Force case

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Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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----- Original Message -----
From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Newell, William D.
Cc: Needles, James R.
Sent: Sat Feb 13 20:58:31 2010
Subject: Fast and Furious update

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George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 3:32 PM
To: Chait, Mark R.
Subject: FW: July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report
Attachments: July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report.docx

FYI

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations
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From: ATF
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 1:54 PM
To: McMahon, William G.; Cook, Nancy F.; Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.; ATF
Subject: July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report
Mangan, Thomas G.

Good morning everyone, this is the GRIT report for the week of July 16, 2010.

Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 12 – July 16, 2010			
	Reporting Period	Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)		ATF	ATF
Number of New Investigative Leads			
Total Leads			
Number of Leads Investigated		ATF	
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened			ATF
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT		0	
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution		ATF	
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Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico		0	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information		ATF	ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated		ATF	ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Completed			
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:			
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences		0	
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)		0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation		0	0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE		ATF	ATF

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)

785115-10-0004

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:40 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

We can talk next week but I might like to listen in on that brief. Thanks.

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:39 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Re: Cases ready for indictment

I'm having GS [ATF] (Phoenix Grp VII Strike Force) brief the USA ref Fast/Furious at 2pm Pacific on the 17th. You want to VTC it?
Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
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From: McMahon, William G.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Aug 06 16:19:32 2010
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

10-4 Bill. That is great news about the cases regarding GRIT in Tucson and Phoenix. We can talk next week at the SAC Conference but what are our plans between now and October on Fast/Furious?

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations
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From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 3:40 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: Cases ready for indictment

We are putting together about 30 cases, these from Tucson plus 15 or so from Phoenix, for the proposed GRIT press conference scheduled for the 26th. We would have about 30 cases from Phoenix but roughly half of the straw purchaser

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More to follow.
Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 7:36 AM
To: Chait, Mark R.
Subject: FW: AKs
Attachments: SKMBT_C25310121518120.pdf

info on straw involved in BP death. He was taken into custody late last night in Phoenix.

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations
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From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 7:44 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: AKs

Two recovered near scene. Both Romarm/Cugir, Model GP WASR 10/63, 7.62x39mm. s/ns **ATF** ind

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:24 PM
To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.
Subject: FW: New Microsoft Office Word Document
Attachments: New Microsoft Office Word Document.docx; December Fast and Furious BP for SAC.DOCX

Billy and Mark,

Attached are the following:

1. One pager regarding the Subject ATF and
2. The December briefing paper regarding the Fast and Furious investigation.

Thanks,

Bill

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DOJ-FF-51881

Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

Case Background

The Phoenix Group VII Field Office is leading an investigation entitled "Operation Fast & Furious" in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). This operation was approved as an OCDETF case by the Southwest Region as SW-AZP-0496.

Since October 2009, ATF and the other partners listed above have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by the Sinaloa drug trafficking organization (DTO), a narcotics trafficking organization well known for violent criminal activity in Mexico. This organization is also involved in trafficking firearms to Mexico, and smuggling cocaine and marijuana into southern Arizona to be distributed throughout the United States. The OCDETF investigation of this organization is addressing violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through "straw" purchasers using narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area Federal Firearms Licensees to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico using false compartments in various vehicles through various international Ports of Entry in Arizona and Texas.

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and many other investigative techniques to further the investigation. Through these investigative techniques agents have been able to identify a large number of additional co-conspirators and disrupt the illegal activities of this firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, over three hundred firearms and over fifty pounds of marijuana have been recovered by agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation.

Over the past several weeks agents, in conjunction with the investigative partners and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) have been preparing for the indictment of individuals in this investigation.

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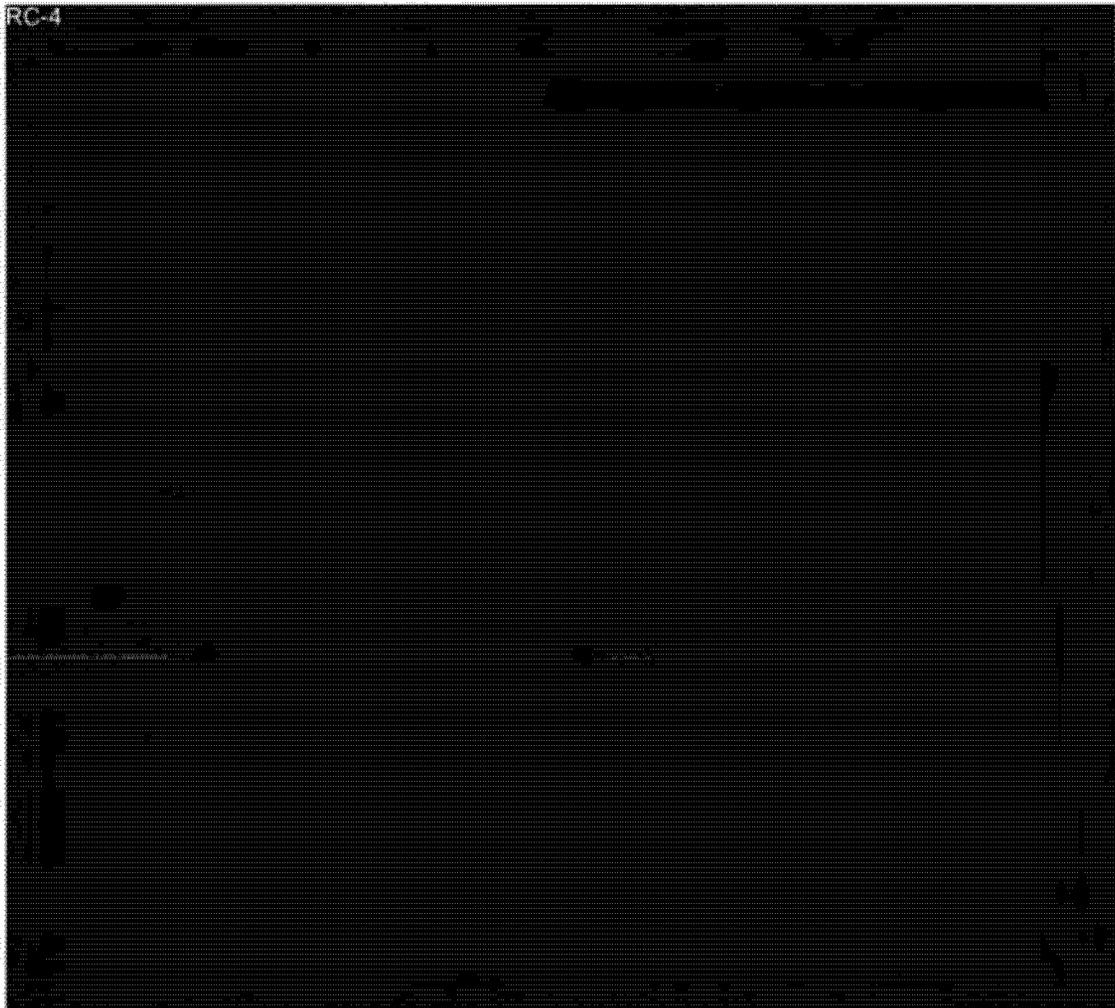
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On December 3rd SAC Newell and ASAC Needles met with USA Burke, Chief of Criminal Cunningham and lead the AUSA for this case and discussed all these matters.

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List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:



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Proposed Charges:

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On December 15/16, 2010, after the shooting death of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry near Rio Rico, Arizona (approx 25 miles north of Nogales) Southern Arizona law enforcement officers/agents responded and conducted a search of the area. This followed the arrest of four individuals, one of them shot in the exchange of gunfire, RC-5
[REDACTED]

During the subsequent search of the area two RomArm/Cugir, Model GP WASR 10, 7.62x39mm AK-47 rifles, serial numbers [REDACTED] ATF and [REDACTED] ATF were recovered near the scene of the shooting.

An Urgent firearms trace requested by ATF agents on-scene determined that these firearms were in [REDACTED] ATF

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The Phoenix Field Division's FIG confirmed that the two recovered firearms were part of a sale of [REDACTED] ATF

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was held overnight and ATF agents have prepared a criminal complaint for [REDACTED] on firearm charges relating to the straw purchase of firearms and using a false address in the acquisition of firearms.

From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 1:01 PM
To: Chait, Mark R.
Subject: FW: draft memo
Attachments: Memo DKB [ATF] Purchases.wpd

Mark,

Please see the attached DRAFT memo from the AUSA handling the Fast and Furious case to the US Attorney. Again this is only a DRAFT.

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations

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From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 9:44 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: draft memo

This is a draft of the memo the AUSA prepared today for Dennis Burke, in it there's more detail on the conversation with the FFL back in December of 2009.

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From: Needles, James R.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Jan 28 18:47:00 2011
Subject: FW: draft memo
FYI...

From: [ATF]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 3:49 PM
To: Needles, James R.
Subject: FW: draft memo

Jim,

This document was drafted/typed by Emory to be submitted to Dennis Burke. Emory came over to my office this morning and we worked on this together. Please review and let me know what you think.

Thanks,

[ATF]

From: Hurley, Emory (USAAZ) [RC-1]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 3:59 PM
To: [ATF]

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DOJ-FF-51887

Subject: draft memo

<<Memo DKB ATF Purchases.wpd>>

Here is the draft of the memo from this morning.

Thank you for all of your help.

HOCR ATF - 002536

DOJ-FF-51888

United States Attorney's Office
District of Arizona



Memorandum

To: Dennis K. Burke
From: Emory Hurley
Subject: ATF
Date: January 28, 2011

The two AK-47 type rifles associated with the U.S. Border Patrol shooting, specifically two ROMARM WASR-10 7.62x39 mm rifles, Serial Numbers [ATF] and [ATF] were purchased

[ATF]

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[ATF] was not notified of this purchase until Monday, January 19, 2010, when ATF received the ATF Form 4473 documenting [ATF] purchase of three AK-47 type rifles on January 16, 2010. These were forwarded to ATF by the FFL and the purchase is documented in ATF ROI #67.

[ATF]

On November 25, 2009, ATF entered [ATF] in the ATF case management system as a suspect in the investigation. This event does not result in the creation of an ROI.

[ATF]

On December 17, 2009, this AUSA, ATF Group Supervisor [ATF] and ATF Special Agent [ATF] met with [ATF]

[ATF] had been providing information to ATF on large firearms purchases, including large purchases of (only) long guns which do not trigger any multiple purchase reporting requirements. This information was being provided voluntarily and without compensation from ATF. [ATF] had expressed concerns about the cooperation he was providing and whether he was endangering himself or implicating himself in a criminal investigation.

[ATF] as advised by the agents and this AUSA that they could not tell him who he could or could not sell to and that they could not instruct him to make a sale in violation of the law or to refuse to make a lawful sale. He was advised by the agents that as an FFL he has to comply with all of the statutes and regulations that govern the sale and transfer of firearms and cannot sell firearms unless the required

paperwork and background check were completed. As long as the required forms were properly filled out and the FFL did not know or have a reason to know that the firearms were part of a straw purchase or intended to be used in a crime, that he could complete the transfer. [ATF] was also told by the agents and this AUSA that the information he provided to ATF regarding large firearms transactions, particularly sales involving only long guns, was very important and useful to ongoing ATF investigations.

During this meeting, ATF agents also described additional information that [ATF] or his employees might receive from purchasers which would not necessarily be required by the provisions of Chapter 44 of Title 18 to be kept in his records, but which would have useful to ATF. This information

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On January 14, 2010, in Columbus, New Mexico, (a border town), U.S. Border Patrol agents pulled over a vehicle driven by [RC-4] with passenger [RC-4] due to suspicious driving behavior. In the vehicle they found three AK-47 type rifles purchased by [ATF] three FN Herstal Five-Seven pistols purchased by [ATF] and two Ruger pistols purchased by another. U.S. Border Patrol agents did not observe any other criminal conduct and so returned the firearms to the occupants of the vehicle. They did not trace any of the firearms. ATF Phoenix was notified of the observation of the firearms on May 17, 2010, after ATF Las Cruces forwarded information in connection with a firearms trafficking investigation in New Mexico involving [ATF] [ATF] and others. The investigation of [RC-4] is still on going [RC-5] [RC-5] and must be viewed as close-hold.

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On December 15, 2010, [ATF] was arrested for using a false address on the ATF Form 4473 on June 15, 2010. A complaint was filed on December 16, 2010, and he was indicted on January 11, 2011, for making false statements in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. On January 19, 2011, he was indicted as part of the overall Fast and Furious conspiracy.

Agents were able to determine that when [ATF] purchased firearms on June 15, 2010, that he no longer lived at the West Monte Vista address listed on the ATF Form 4473 and his drivers license. His

drivers license was changed in August of 2010, to reflect a different address. In the course of his post arrest interview in December 2010, he admitted that he had not lived at the Monte Vista address for two or three years. However, earlier in the investigation, agents had no reason to believe that this was not his address because his drivers license and the registration to the car that he was driving came back to the West Monte Vista address. **See ATF ROI #12.**

On March 1, 2010, **ATF**, purchased one FN Herstal Five-Seven pistol from Legendary Guns in a single-firearm transaction. On or about March 3, 2010, this pistol was recovered by Phoenix,

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2010 10:18 AM
To: Ford, Larry W.
Subject: FW: July 19 Phoenix GRIT Performance Report
Attachments: July 19 GRIT Performance Report.docx

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William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 9:22 AM
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.; McCabe, Harry L.
Cc: ATF
Subject: July 19 Phoenix GRIT Performance Report

Good morning. Attached is the subject Phoenix GRIT Performance Report for your review.

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Program Analyst
Firearms Operations Division
Office of Field Operations
Bureau of ATF
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Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
July 19, 2010

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Phoenix VII

785115-10-0004 Operation Fast and Furious

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From: McMahon, William G.

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 4:20 PM

To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.

Subject: FW: Requested Documents

Attachments: December Fast and Furious BP Supplemental December 16 2010.docx; December Fast and Furious BP for SAC (2) (2).docx

Here are the two documents (Briefing Papers) you requested. Let me know if you would like anything added or deleted.

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DOJ-FF-51895

Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

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Over the past several weeks agents, in conjunction with the investigative partners and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) have been preparing for the indictment of ATF individuals in this

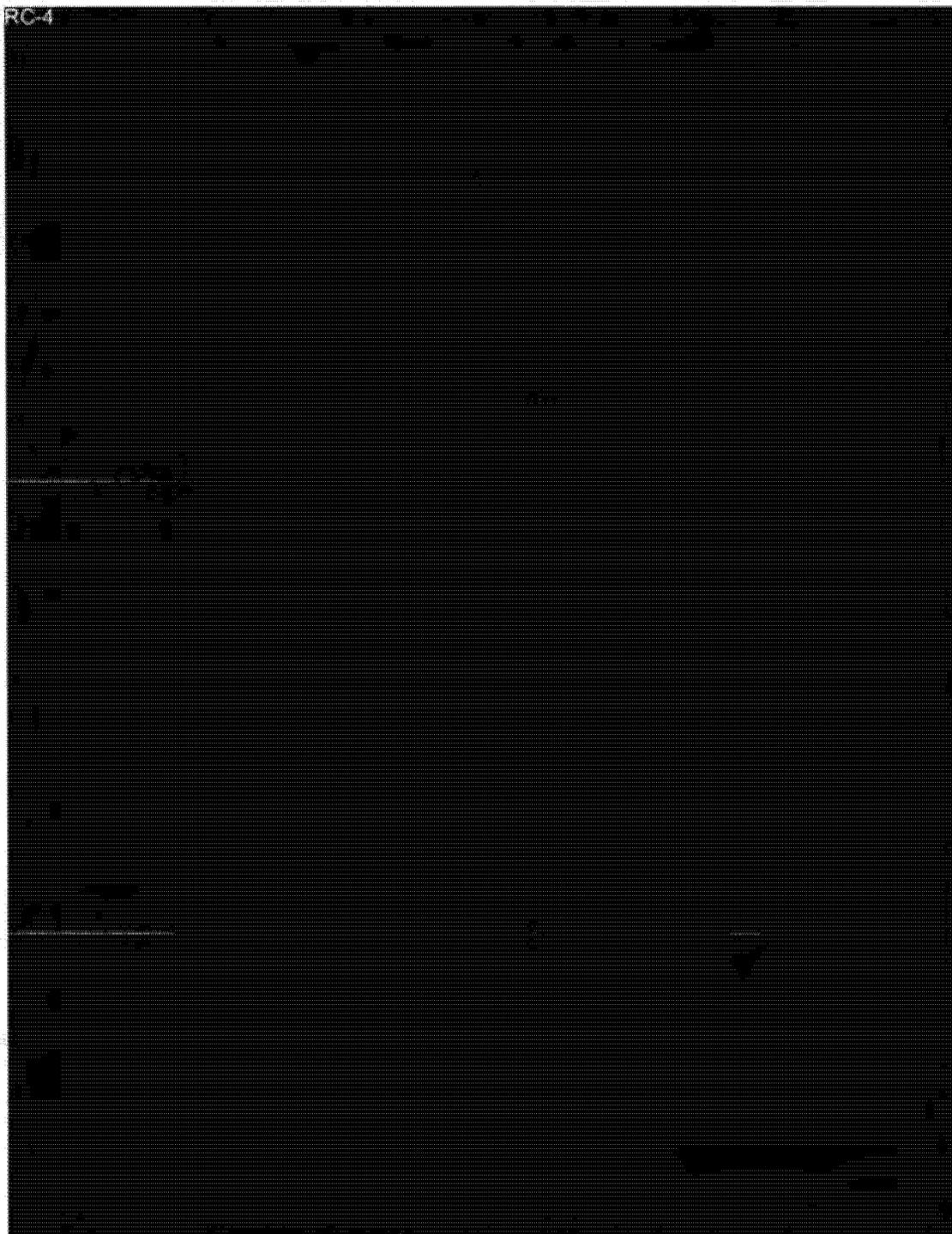
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On December 3rd SAC Newell and ASAC Needles met with USA Burke, Chief of Criminal Cunningham and the lead AUSA for this case and discussed all these matters.

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List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:



Proposed Charges:

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Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

Supplemental

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[REDACTED] **RC-5**

In addition and during the search of the area two RomArm/Cugir, Model GP WASR 10, 7.62x39mm AK-47 rifles, serial numbers [REDACTED] **ATF** and [REDACTED] **ATF** were recovered near the scene of the shooting. An Urgent firearms trace requested by ATF agents on-scene determined [REDACTED]

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complex firearms trafficking organization acquired several hundred firearms was initiated in October 2009 and is being conducted in conjunction with ICE/HSI, IRS, DEA and the Phoenix Police Department.

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purchasers identified in the "Fast and Furious" investigation and recommended by ATF for prosecution to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona.

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On December 15, 2010, ATF agents, assisted by ICE, the USMS, and the Phoenix Police Department located

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From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 2:13:53 PM

To: McMahon, William G.;

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Subject: Naco seizure

Just found out Friday's 42 gun seizure in Naco directly links to an ongoing ATF Phoenix case by

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Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010, 3:46 PM

To: [REDACTED] **ATF**

CC: [REDACTED] ATF McMahon, William G.

Subject: FW: Phoenix Field Division Submissions Related to Mexico Cartels

Attachments: Phoenix Field Division-MexCartelNex.docx

As requested.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)

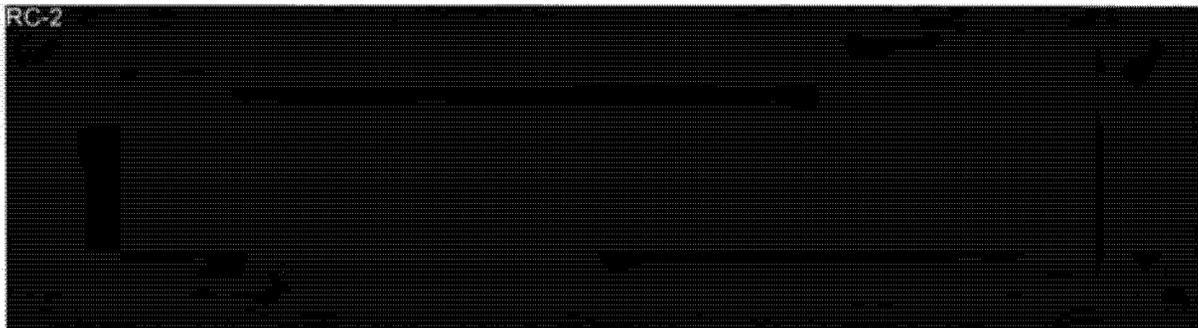
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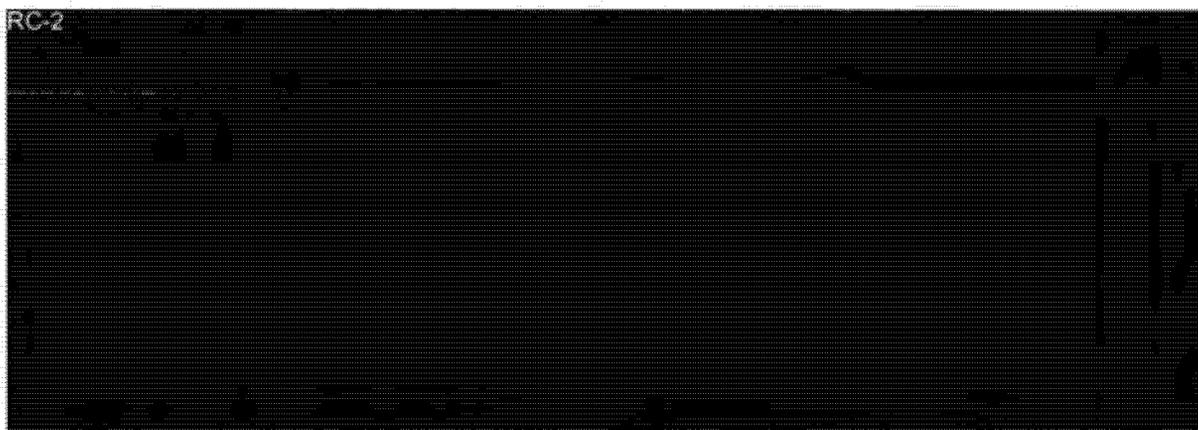
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Phoenix Field Division – Project Gunrunner Investigations with a Nexus to Mexico Cartels
February 25, 2010

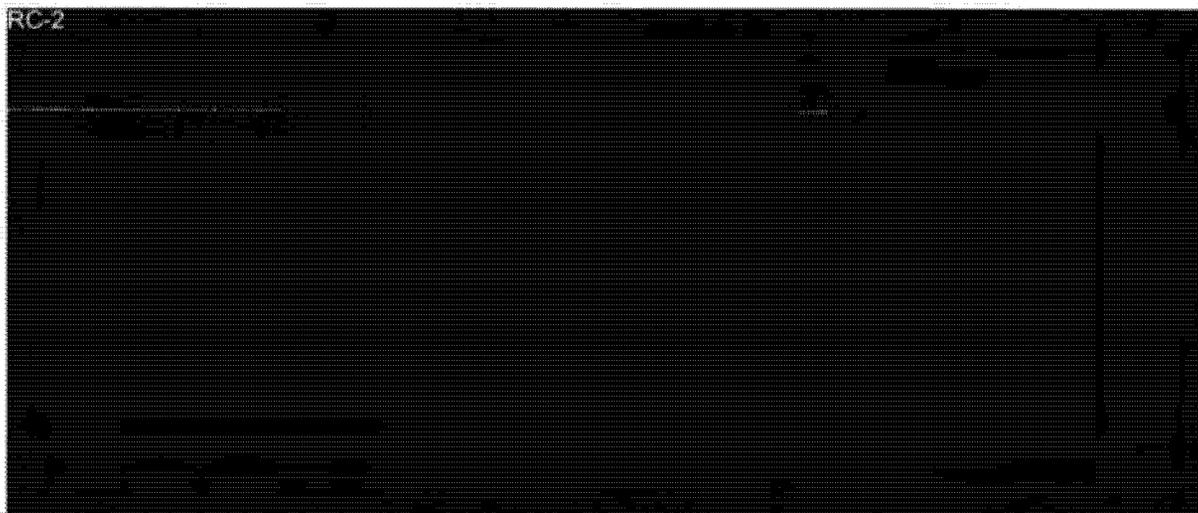
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This is an approved ATF OCDETF investigation (SWAZP0496).

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:58 AM
To: Ford, Larry W.
Subject: FW: SWB Briefing Paper - February 8, 2010
Attachments: SWB Briefing Paper - February 8, 2010.doc

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations

From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:18 PM
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.; Boxler, Michael B.; Torres, Julie M.; Newell, William D.;
Champion, Robert R.; Webb, J. Dewey; ATF; ATF; Gillett, George T. Jr; ATF

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Subject: SWB Briefing Paper - February 8, 2010

THIS MESSAGE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE SOUTHWEST BORDER WORKING GROUP

Attached is the approved edition of the Southwest Border briefing paper, dated February 8, 2010. New updates to the SWB paper are now due to ATF by COB Friday, February 19, 2010.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks ATF

ATF

Southwest Border Working Group
Office of Field Operations
Bureau of ATF

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

**Southwest Border Initiative
(Project Gunrunner)**

Biweekly Update

February 8, 2010

The following is a biweekly update on significant events related to the Southwest Border Initiative. The information is collected from the different ATF offices involved in this initiative and intended for ATF use only.

FIELD OPERATIONS

DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

Investigations:

El Paso Field Office

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

Investigations:

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Last week, this case was presented by ATF

and granted OCDETF status by the Phoenix committee who will forward the proposal to the Houston Regional Committee.

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From: Significant Activity Report
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 1:28:02 PM
To: SAR/SIR Message Delivery
Subject: FW: SIR

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 1:28:02 PM
To: Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Significant Activity Report
Cc: **ATF**
Subject: FW: SIR
Auto forwarded by a Rule

George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: **RC-1**

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From: **ATF**
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Mon Feb 22 13:24:25 2010
Subject: SIR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: February 22, 2010
FROM: Phoenix Field Division
FIELD OFFICE: Phoenix VII Field Office

CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: 785115-10-0004
CASE TITLE: **ATF**
SPECIAL AGENT:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: **RC-1**

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

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HOCR ATF - 002557

DOJ-FF-51909

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

ATF

This investigation is ongoing.

From: O'Reilly, Kevin M. [Kevin M. O'Reilly] RC-1
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010 12:13 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Re: GRIT

They'll not go beyond Dan and me.
These are really very informative.

Thanks

Kevin O'

Kevin M O'Reilly
Director
North American Affairs
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From: Newell, William D. <William.D.Newell> RC-1
To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Fri Sep 03 11:28:08 2010
Subject: RE: GRIT

1 of 2 e-mails.

You didn't get these from me...

The first attachment is what we were going to hand out to the media prior to our planned August 26th press conference. We will still use this IF we ever do a press conf. It had been vetted through ATF HQ. The second Word doc is what we were going to give to ATF DD Melson as notes in case he got asked specific questions about our Industry Operations efforts during GRIT.

Also, not mentioned in these docs but VERY relevant to Mr. Brennan's meeting next week is the fact that we and the USA were going to announce the indictment of a dozen "straw purchase" case addressing firearms trafficking by 30 individuals. We finally have the USAO here on board with going after "straw" purchasers and making a statement, publically especially, that we will take action against those folks. In reality we look at "straw" purchases as the lowest ring on the firearms trafficking ladder but in many investigations we need their cooperation in order to identify the real traffickers and middlemen. Having the USAO backing our "play" when we first interact with "straw" purchases adds tremendous leverage to our efforts to get the truth from them so we can work our way up the ladder.

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M. [mailto:Kevin_M._O'Reilly@whitehouse.gov] RC-1
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 7:47 AM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: Re: GRIT

Thanks

Sounds good.

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To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Thu Sep 02 09:57:26 2010
Subject: Re: GRIT

Headed to Tucson, will get you the info today. Went to Hermosillo, Sonora on Tues/Wed and met with new PGR Delegado. He granted us access to the 30 gun August 4th seizure in Nogales, Sonora and by doing so we are now able to forward 7 separate firearms trafficking cases to the Arizona USAO. He wants to do more of the same so I'm setting up a meeting with him and USA Dennis Burke for later this month. I also met with CG at Consulate in Hermosillo and briefed him on meetings.

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From: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Sep 01 22:09:19 2010
Subject: GRIT
Great - thanks.

We want John Brennan well-prepared to talk GRIT with the Mexicans next Wednesday.

Take care,

Kevin O'

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To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Wed Sep 01 20:47:34 2010
Subject: Re: Any good news pts?

Yes, we have some great stats and investigative stories to tout. I'll send you all that tomorrow, after a HIDTA meeting with Gil in Tucson. He's touring several of the SWB HIDTAs I believe and stops in Tucson tomorrow. FYI - we had a GRIT press conference all set up for Aug 26th but then was told that the DAG wanted to come out "within the next couple of weeks" so I'm not sure when that will happen. Problem is the GRIT technically ended Aug 6 so the longer we wait..

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----- Original Message -----
From: O'Reilly, Kevin M@RC-1
To: ATF; Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Sep 01 18:43:11 2010
Subject: Any good news pts?

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Kenneth E. Melson
Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
and Explosives

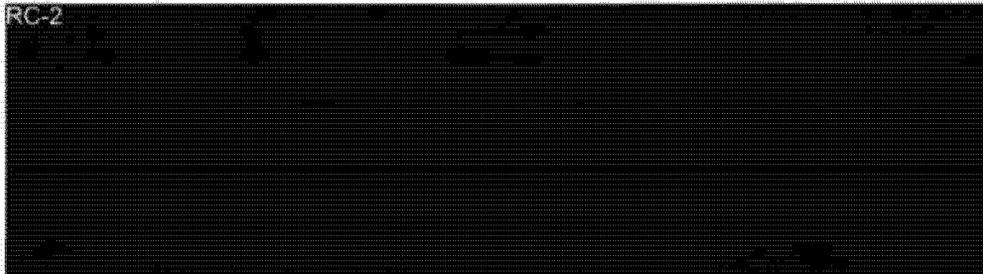
SUBJECT: Weekly Report for January 31-February 4, 2011

**UPCOMING COURT DEADLINES IN CASES PRESENTING MAJOR LEGAL
OR POLICY ISSUES:**

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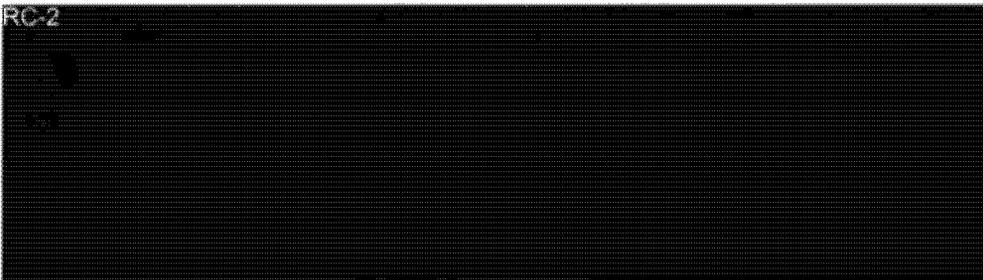


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- ***Eighteen Arrested in Firearms Trafficking Investigation — Phoenix, Arizona:***
On January 25, 2011, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) reported on the arrest of 18 suspects and four search warrants served in a

firearms trafficking investigation in Phoenix. Seized during the search were 12 firearms, body armor, ammunition, 2 pounds of methamphetamine, several pounds of marijuana, computers, various documents, and packaging material. ATF and numerous other Federal and local law enforcement participated in this investigation.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE/INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP:

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- *Significant Traces of the Week:*

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Attachments: DirectorDAD CEIT and Case brief.docx

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To: Tsethlikai, Serra (USAEO)
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To: Langner, Benjamin (USAILN); Sanchez, Kimberly (USACAE); Yarbrough, Steven (USANM)
Sent: Wed May 05 14:52:35 2010
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Thanks.
Amy

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SALCEDO HOMICIDE/ATF Case# 701531-10-0001

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MADERA/ATF Case# 786010-09-0029

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HOGRA ATF - 002570

DOJ-FF-51922

Operation: Big Musky (De La Rosa)/ATF Case # 778065-09-0050

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Operation: Fast and Furious

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ATF Case # 785115-10-0004

This is an approved ATF OCDETF investigation (# SWAZP0496) that

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Operation Zebra/ATF Case #: 782025-07-0017

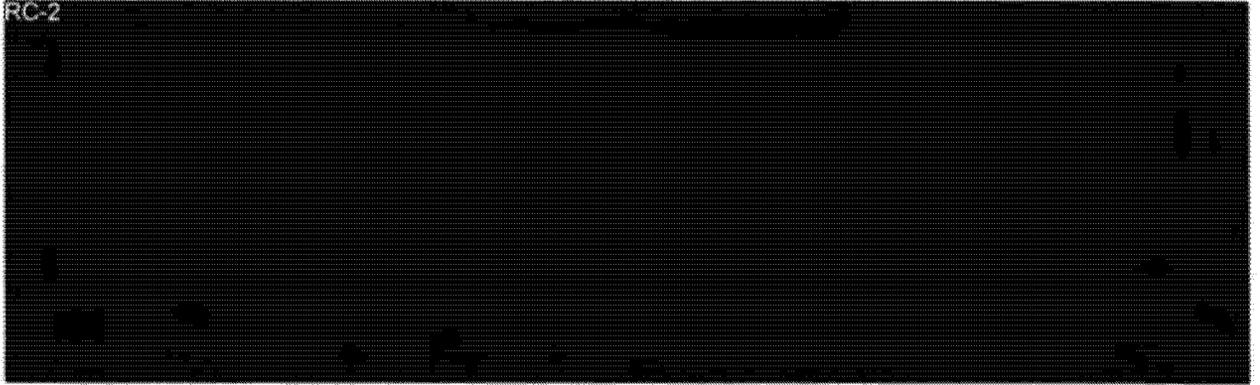
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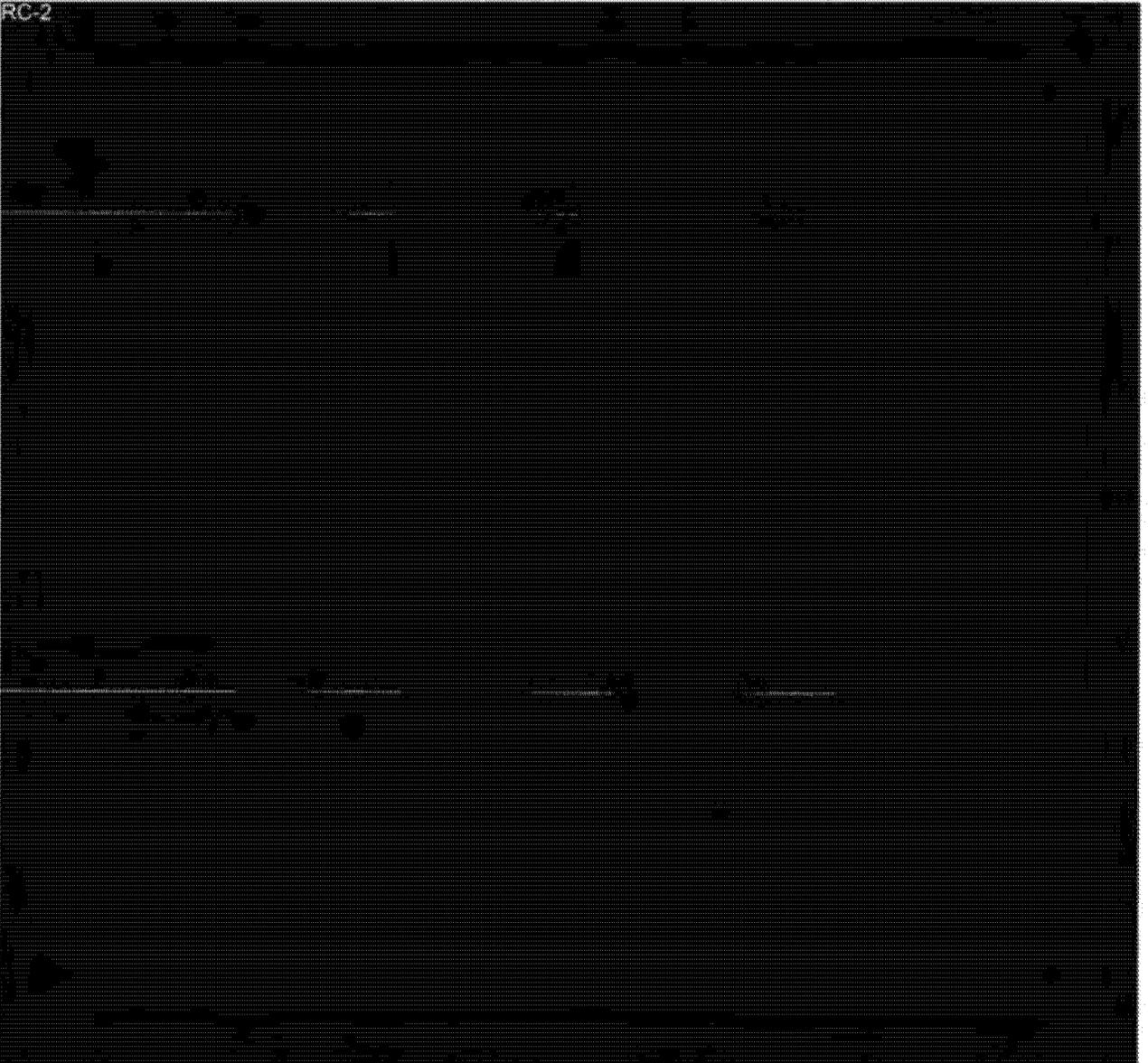
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Subject: RE: Prep for Lanny
Categories: Purple Category

Yeah – anything sensitive should be held back.

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