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As before, Dave was guarded in the conversation and avoided being in the mode of "collaborating" with us. Nonetheless, it is clear that the document they intend to release tomorrow will challenge Issa's selective use of transcript excerpts and echo other points we have made in our letters. We urged that Rep. Cummings endorse our call for the full transcript to be made available to us and he seemed receptive to that. We also urged that the minority make much of the hypocrisy of the House amendment blocking the ATF long gun rule - he said Rep. Maloney and others would be all over that.

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All, Ron and I just spoke with minority chief counsel Dave Rapallo, who advised that they will be sending us transcript excerpts shortly for review and comment to make sure that their disclosure tomorrow won't cause problems for us.

He also indicated that they anticipate raising 3 issues - 1) claims by whistleblowers that they raised concerns have not been borne out; 2) the allegation that F & F was a top down effort has not been supported by their investigation; and 3) the concerns raised in March led to meetings, but many of those concerns weren't apparent to ATF leadership earlier.

He also mentioned that Leadmon may say that he briefed higher-ups at ATF. Ron?