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Well done, thank you. I will address ATF concerns with McMahon.
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OSII has not yet finished a link diagram on this investigation. Therefore, there is no "chart" in existence diagramming this investigation. ATF and crew are currently working on such a link-diagram chart, but it is not yet complete. ATF did have a power point that gave an overview of the case and that has been forwarded to GS ATF. However, that power point is about 1 week old, so the info is already a bit dated. GS ATF and ATF are speaking on a regular basis, so the lines of communication are now the equivalent of the proverbial fire hose. During one of their conversations, ATF told ATF that ATF received a briefing on the investigation this week and mentioned ATF been trafficked. Therefore, I spoke with ATF today and explained that even though the identified straw-purchasers bought approximately 175 guns last week alone, we have slowed down the FFL on future purchases and are obtaining intelligence directly related to this investigation [REDACTED]. ATF did express some concern regarding the total number of guns that have been purchased by this straw-purchase scheme. I cautioned ATF on not doing any type of informal calculations on purchase numbers as that likely will result in double counting of firearms (counting purchased guns as well as recovered guns). I have also advised that we will slow the purchasers down as much as possible, but we have not identified the network yet. The result will be that the responsible conspirators will have new straw-purchasers operational before we complete the booking paperwork. I have asked ATF to consider me his direct point of contact on any future questions and/or concerns and I will do the same with him. I have also spoken with ATF today and maintain those lines of communication.

As for plans to proceed, I have asked Mr. ATF to begin preparing a white paper that outlines progress to date as well as a plans for proceeding with the investigation. I know that he wants to take the information [REDACTED] involving these subjects. I have also asked Mr. ATF to prepare a list of resources that HQ can provide (personnel and equipment) to support this investigation. I will keep you posted as things arise.

George T. Gillett

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