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Some of the narratives tomorrow. They trot out the same Lanny charge from months ago.

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Hi Tracy, in advance of tomorrow's hearing, do you have any interviews (or information) you can provide us generally on fast and furious--or specifically regarding these allegations being made by oversight investigators

Allegations:

On March 5, 2010, ATF intelligence analysts told ATF and DOJ leadership, including Main Justice's Joe Cooley, that straw firearms purchases in Fast and Furious had exceeded 1,000 and the weapons were ending up in Mexico. When concerns were raised at the meeting, Cooley is quoted (by Loren Leadman) as having said the movement of so many guns to Mexico was "an acceptable practice." Lanny Bruer was well aware of Fast and Furious, and referred to the case supportively when visiting Mexico. ATF and DOJ leadership kept their own employees in Mexico as well as the Mexican govt in the dark about Fast and Furious. Fast and Furious weapons have been linked to the Sinaloa, El Teo and La Familia cartels. The Oversight Committee has evidence of many more Fast and Furious weapons being recovered in Mexico than DOJ outlined in answers to questions for the record received on July 22, 2011.

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