

From: Pope, Amy (CRM)
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
Sent: 9/23/2011 1:44:11 PM
Subject: RE: REVISED draft talking points for congressional calls re: ATF etc --

And yes - I think this is the only issue he will raise; I think you can use this (mostly from Bruce's email) on background:

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Additionally, yesterday, it was noted in the Mexican press that "President Calderon declared that although he recognizes that his U.S. Counterpart, President Obama, has done a lot for Mexico, ATF committed a monumental error in allowing the trafficking of arms into Mexico. Now they (the US) are the ones being fast (slick), and we are furious. Although they emphasize our job to protect the common border, they need to do a better job at keeping arms from getting into Mexico." (A loose translation)

The President's escalation of rhetoric at the Council of the Americas, the UNGA and yesterday in Los Angeles responds to the GOM's (and the President's) increasing frustration that we have been unable to give any response beyond what the AG has said regarding the ongoing OIG investigation.

The specific ask is for DOJ to give the Foreign Secretary something beyond the AG's and other USG officials' previous statements along the lines of: "If it happened, it's intolerable, but while the investigation is in progress, we can't say anything further."

The US Ambassador at the Mexican Embassy has been contacted by senior Mexican officials along the same lines.

Our US Embassy's assessment is that if we cannot provide the GoM anything before Espinosa's testimony next Tuesday, the atmosphere upon AG arrival will undoubtedly be extremely difficult.

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Amy/Matt: do we have anything else on who is handling the cases? I have a vague recollection the cases are being staffed by other USAO's

Do you know?

Also is this the only thing we believe he is going to raise?

Debbie

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)
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I think this is much closer to what you want.

From: Weich, Ron (SMO)
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Per our conversation this AM,

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