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Subject: HSGAC request for a briefing, early in first week of October, on Fast and Furious

This afternoon, I spoke with Chairman Lieberman's staff (Nicole Martinez) about his request, at the request of Senator McCain, that we provide a briefing on Fast & Furious. She said that she will send us a list of topics they'd like us to address, but generally she said that they'd like 1) an overview of the criminal case, including indictments; 2) a description of the Operation with as much detail as we can provide; 3) information about trace data; and 4) details of the operation. She stated, for example, that they'd like to know who we're investigating; I responded that we would not be in a position to provide that info or other investigative details, but we will provide as much information as possible about the matter, as we have done with HOGF & SJC, with particular reference to the strategy portion. She said we should assume that they are aware of the "basics" because they've been following the publicly available info. They are currently planning to include staff only for McCain and Collins, but haven't made a final decision about that. We'll forward to you all the list of topics of particular interest when we receive it. Steve and Billy, could you please check your schedules for Oct. 3, 4, and 5? Thanks. FB

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Thanks Mike. My colleague Faith Burton (cc'd) will work with Nicole on this. -- Ron

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Ron – the Chairman has asked us to proceed with the briefing we discussed to bring us up to speed on fast and furious. He will reserve decision about a hearing until afterwards. Participants on our end will certainly be Lieberman and Collins staff, along with McCain. Not sure yet if other committee staff want to be engaged. Can you please direct Nicole Martinez to the appropriate people to work with to arrange for us? Thanks.

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