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Sent: 9/23/2011 5:36:49 PM
Subject: FW: Bi-Weekly SW Border Briefing Papers

Molly has already advised Jason that the Bi-Weekly report were produced or made available to HOGGR/SJC. In a conversation just now, Jason asked whether we had provided Newell's counsel, Paul Pelletier, with access to the case file. He noted that it appeared that Newell had the assistance of counsel in preparing his supplemental statement. Jason also reported that Pelletier is telling people that he's had access to the case file, including the ROIs, and if we gave him access, then HOGGR/SJC also should have access. Please let me know if you have any information about this; if not, then we'll check with ATF. Thanks.

From: Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Jason_Foster@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
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Subject: RE: Bi-Weekly SW Border Briefing Papers

Thanks Molly. Footnote 11 also references "55 reports of investigation" prepared by the three agents working the case during the first six weeks. There are several places where specific dates and times of events are described (e.g. p. 7), which appear to be based on these ROIs. I presume these 55 ROIs are among those being withheld from the Committees, which Faith and I were discussing yesterday. Is that accurate?

Did the Department provide Mr. Pelletier copies of these ROIs, the bi-weekly briefing papers, or any other documents apparently used in the preparation of this submission?

From: Gaston, Molly (OLA) [mailto:Molly.Gaston@usdoj.gov]
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Subject: RE: Bi-Weekly SW Border Briefing Papers

Jason,

We've produced lots of ATF's Southwest Border Initiative Biweekly Updates. For instance, Batch 4, which was produced on 6/14 and begins with bates "HOGGR ATF - 001268," is composed entirely of these updates, which are multi-subject documents describing cases throughout the Southwest Border. These updates appear continually throughout our productions.

Thanks,
Molly

From: Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Jason_Foster@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
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Subject: Bi-Weekly SW Border Briefing Papers

Mr. Newell mentions in footnote 5 of his supplemental statement to the Committee a "Bi-Weekly SW Border Briefing Paper." Have those been produced to us? Can you please provide the bates numbers if so?

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