

From: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
To: Delery, Stuart F. (OAG); Schmalder, Tracy (OPA); Richardson, Margaret (OAG)
Sent: 10/6/2011 1:18:34 PM
Subject: RE: President presser

Good

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From: Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 1:18 PM
To: Grindler, Gary (OAG); Schmalder, Tracy (OPA); Richardson, Margaret (OAG)
Subject: RE: President presser

The transcript on the Post website says "inspector general" --

Now, with respect to Solyndra and Fast and Furious, you know, I think, you know, I've been very clear that I have complete confidence in Attorney General Holder in how he handles his office. He has been very aggressive in going after gun-running and cash transactions that are going to these transnational drug cartels in Mexico. There's been a lot of cooperation between the United States and Mexico on this front.

He's indicated that he was not aware of what was happening in Fast and Furious. Certainly I was not. And I think both he and I would have been very unhappy if somebody had suggested that guns were allowed to pass through that could have been prevented by the United States of America.

He's assigned an inspector general to look into how exactly this happened.

OBAMA: And I have complete confidence in him, and I've got complete confidence in the process to figure out who, in fact, was responsible for that decision and how it got made.

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From: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:08 PM
To: Schmalder, Tracy (OPA); **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
Subject: Re: President presser

Poor choice of words---"Special investigator" vs. request for a "Special Counsel."

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From: Schmalder, Tracy (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:02 PM
To: Grindler, Gary (OAG); **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
Subject: Re: President presser

Yes- Assume that's how he's describing it.

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From: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Schmalder, Tracy (OPA); **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
Subject: Re: President presser

Special investigator?? Is this OIG?

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From: Schmalder, Tracy (OPA)
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 11:47 AM
To: **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
Subject: President presser

Tapper --

Q: Given the current scandals with Solyndra and Fast and Furious, do you still have confidence in your administration, specifically at DOE and DOJ.

A: I think I've been very clear that I have complete confidence in Holder and how he handles his office. He's been aggressive in going after gun running and has worked with our partners on the other side of the border. He's indicated that he was not aware. Certainly I was not. I think both he and I would've been very unhappy if someone had suggested that guns had been allowed to cross the border. He's assigned a special investigator. I have complete confidence in the process to figure out who was responsible for such a decision.