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**From:** Grindler, Gary (OAG)  
**To:** Schmalzer, Tracy (OPA); **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)  
**Sent:** 10/6/2011 12:08:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: President presser

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

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**From:** Schmalzer, 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)  
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**To:** Schmalzer, Tracy (OPA); **Attorney General**; Richardson, Margaret (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)  
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Special investigator?? Is this OIG?

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**From:** Schmalzer, Tracy (OPA)  
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**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.