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National Drug Intelligence Center

Office of the Director

DATE: July 5, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 5 THROUGH JULY 9, 2010

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 5 through July 9 is as follows:

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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated July 5, 2010
Subject: Weekly Report from July 5 through July 9, 2010

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- *(LOU/LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:*
From July 12 through July 16, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix

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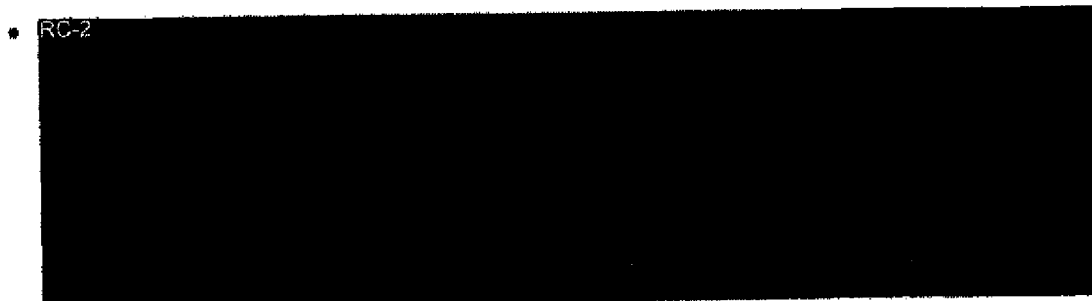
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- ***(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:***
From July 6 through July 9, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDETF Operation Fast and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and [redacted] straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of 1,500 firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking cartels. They also have direct ties to the Sinaloa Cartel which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.



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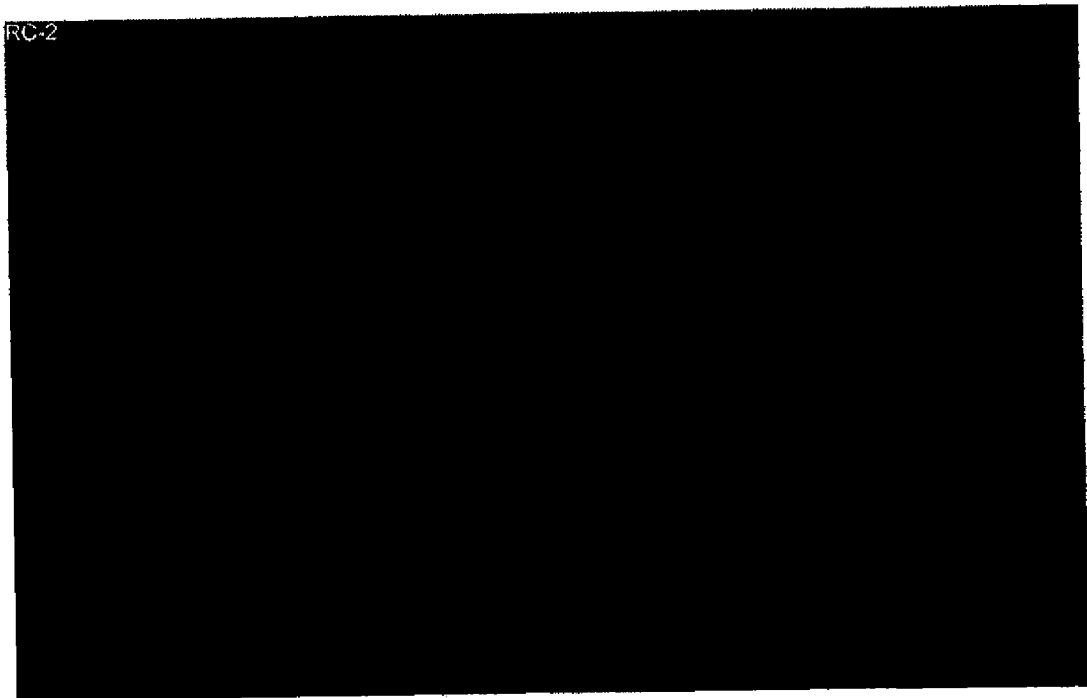
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 12 THROUGH JULY 16, 2010

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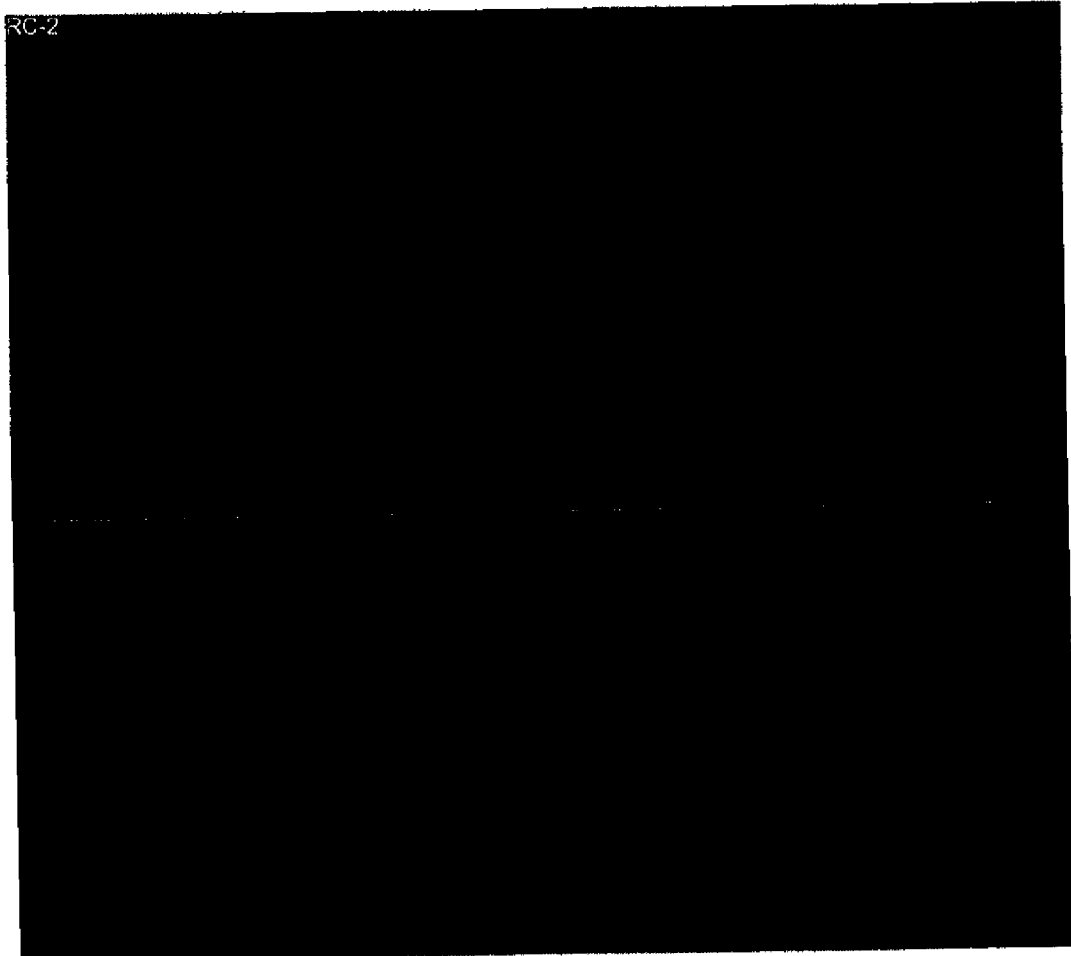


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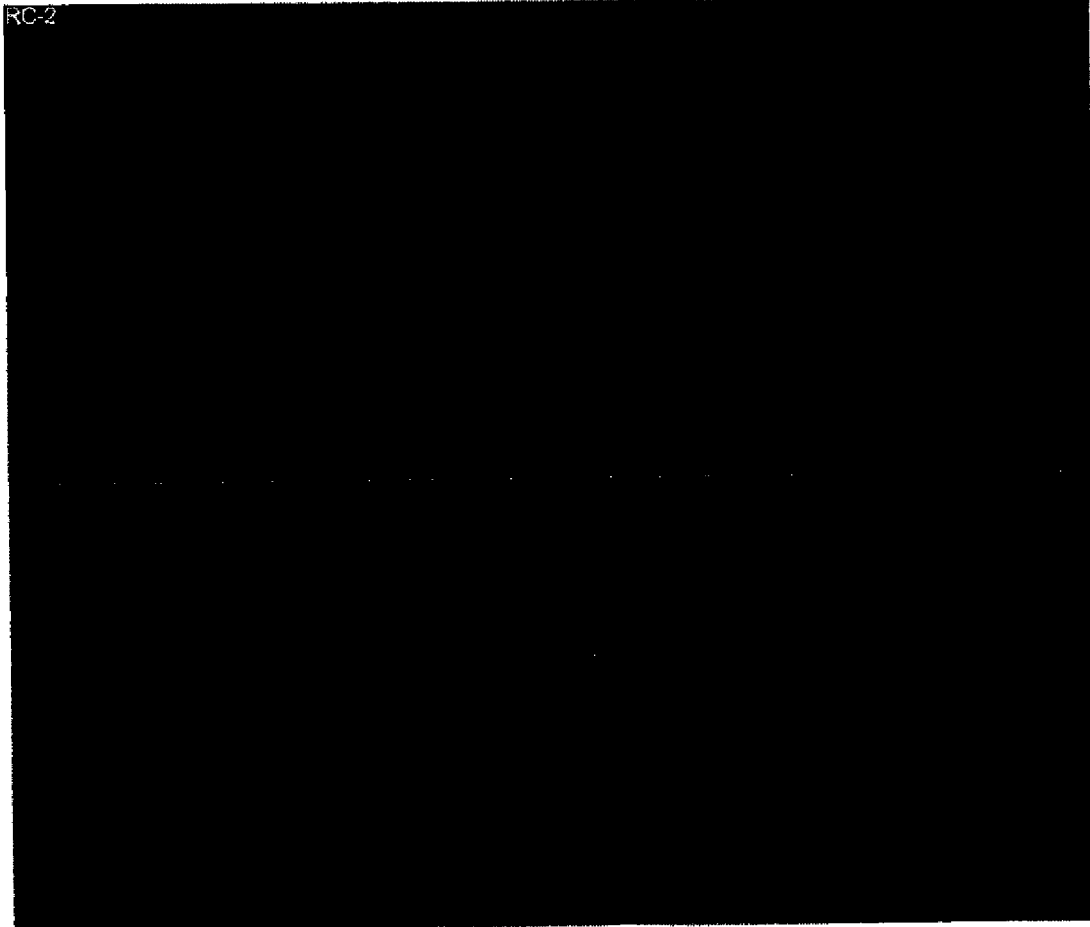
Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael P. Walther dated July 12, 2010
Subject: Weekly Report from July 12 through July 16, 2010

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- ***(LOU-LIS) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:***
From July 19 through July 23, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDEF Operation Fast and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and [REDACTED] straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of 1,500 firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking groups. These individuals are tied to the Simola Cartel, which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.

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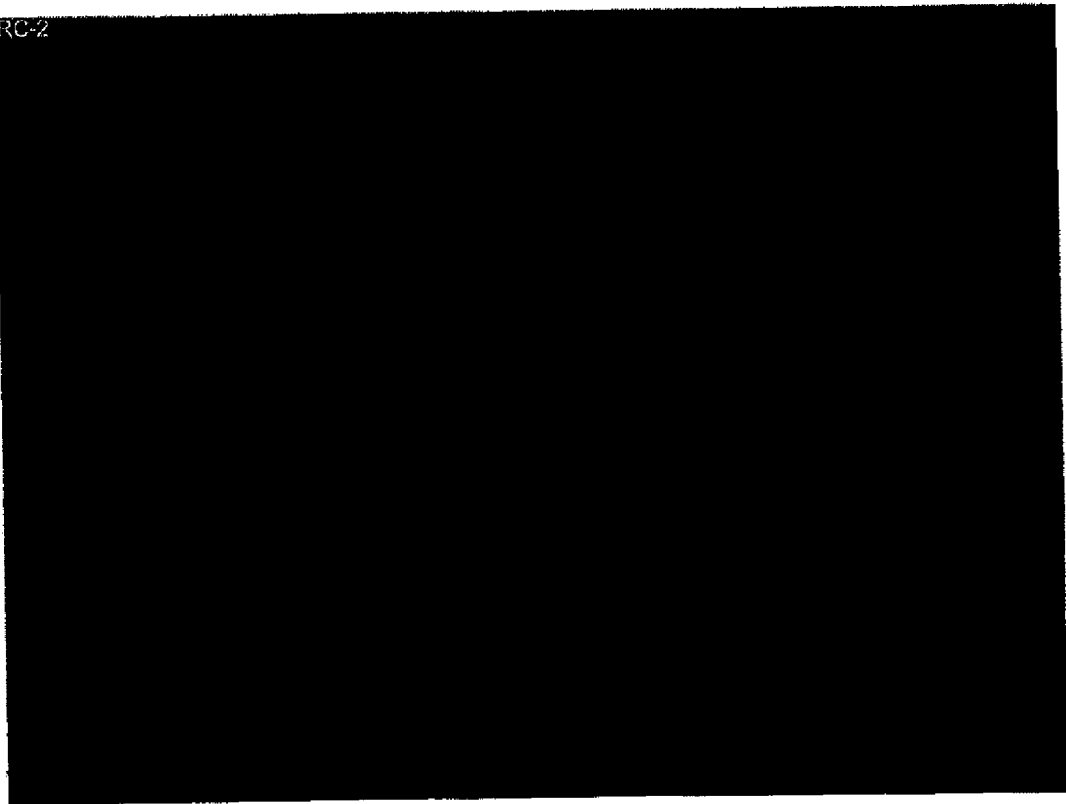
FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 23, 2010

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 19 through July 23 is as follows:

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- *(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:*

From July 26 through July 30, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDEF's Operation East and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and RC-2 straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of U.S.-made firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking cartels. They also have directed to the Sinaloa Cartel which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.

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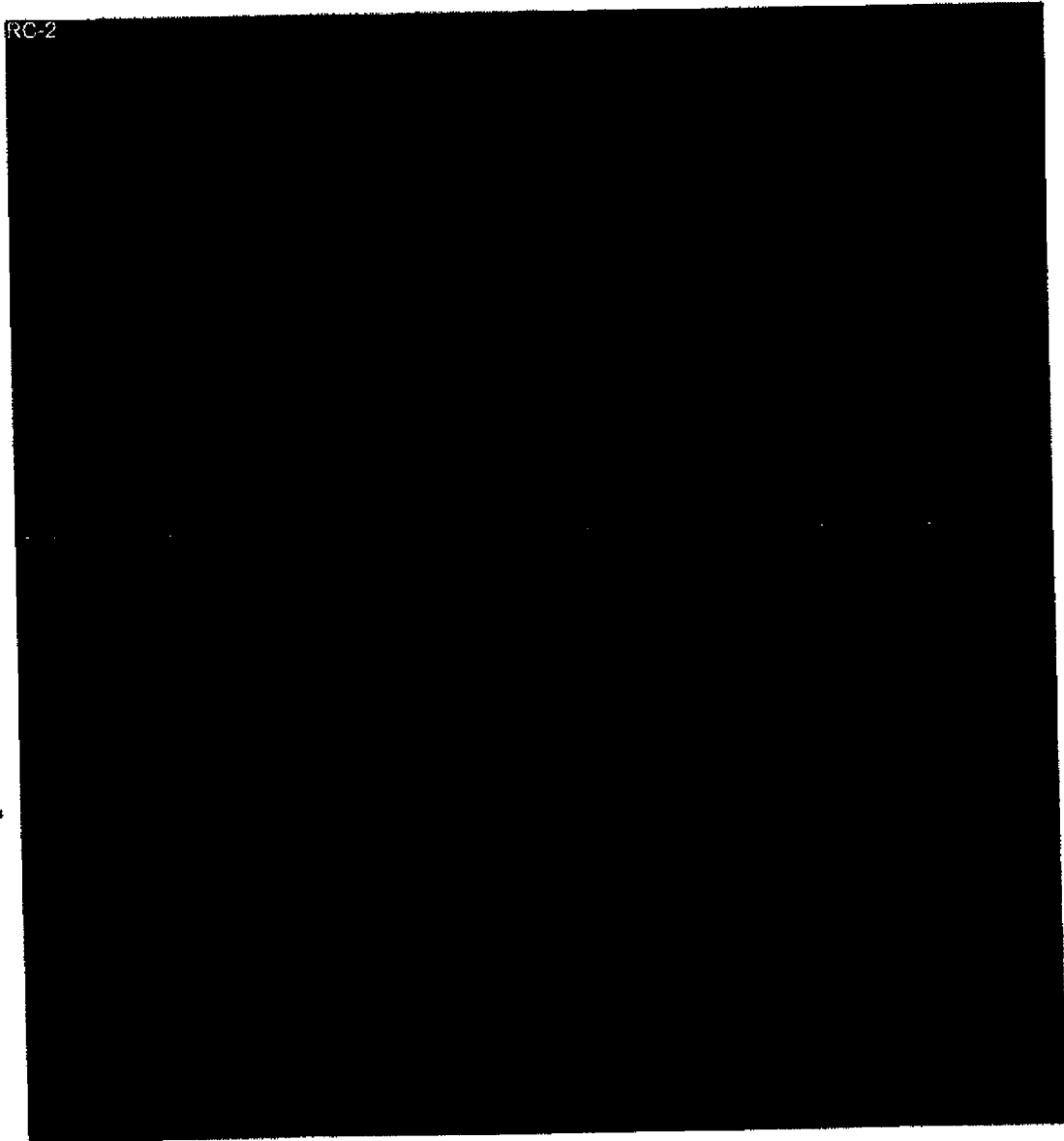
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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated July 19, 2010
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From July 19 through July 23, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis Acosta as part of OCDETF Operation

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Subject: Weekly Report from July 19 through July 23, 2010

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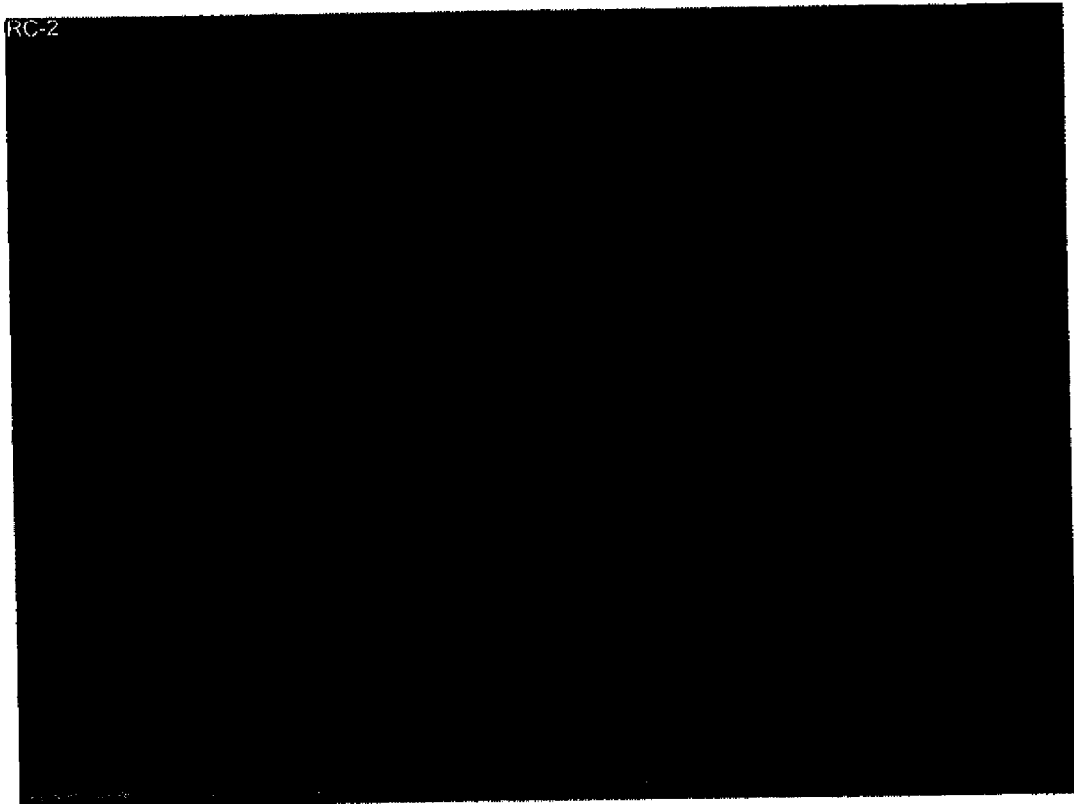
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 26 THROUGH JULY 30, 2010

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 26 through July 30 is as follows:

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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated July 26, 2010
Subject: Weekly Report from July 26 through July 30, 2010

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- *(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:*
From August 2 through August 6, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDETF Operation Fast and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and ^{RC-2} straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of 1,500 firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking cartels. They also have direct ties to the Sinaloa Cartel which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.

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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated July 26, 2010
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- *(U) National Drug Threat Assessment 2010 Briefing to the National Guard Bureau:*

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Subject: Weekly Report from July 26 through July 30, 2010

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DATE: August 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE CENTER REPORT FOR AUGUST 9
THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2010

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STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE

Significant Events

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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated August 9, 2010
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Activity	Requesting Agency	Dates
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<i>Investigation:</i>	Operation EAST AND THE TURRO'S	AFF Phoenix	July 6
<i>Region:</i>	Arizona, Texas, Mexico		Aug 13
<i>Targets:</i>	Manuel Celis-Acosta		
<i>Drugs-Crime:</i>	Firearms trafficking through straw purchases		
<i>Participants:</i>	ICE, Phoenix (AZ) Police Department		

TRAINING

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