
From: **Attorney General**
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Subject: Re: Progress?

Yeah baby. "Scathing"

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From: Schmaler, Tracy (OPA)
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Subject: RE: Progress?

I'd say yes, when the below post comes from fox news. I'll send clips as they come in.

Holder Challenges 'Fast and Furious' Allegations in Scathing Letter to Congress
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Attorney General Eric Holder, in his most forceful comments to date about the gunrunning probe known as "Fast and Furious," defended himself Friday in a letter to Congress and accused his Republican critics of making "irresponsible and inflammatory" claims.

The Justice Department released the letter late Friday. It was addressed to top Republican and Democratic lawmakers, and comes in the wake of GOP calls for a special counsel to be appointed to investigate Holder's involvement.

Republicans have released routine memos that appear to show Holder was notified about details of the program as early as summer 2010, though he testified to Congress that he only found out in early 2011.

Holder stood by his claims in the letter.

"I have not spoken at length on this subject out of deference to the review being conducted, at my request, by our Department's Inspector General. However, in the past few days, the public discourse concerning these issues has become so base and so harmful to interests that I hope we all share that I must now address these issues notwithstanding the Inspector General's ongoing review," he wrote.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/10/07/holder-challenges-fast-and-furious-allegations-in-scathing-letter-to-congress/#ixzzla85EA0BZ>

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From: **Attorney General**
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How are we doing?