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Via Electronic Transmission

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Harry S. Truman Building
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

Over the past month I have been investigating the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) operation called “Fast and Furious”—part of the broader “Project Gunrunner initiative. According to several agents, ATF leadership encouraged gun dealers to engage in sales of multiple assault weapons to individuals suspected of illegally purchasing for resale to Mexican cartels. I am looking into the connection between Operation Fast and Furious and the firefight on December 14, 2010 that claimed the life of CBP Agent Brian Terry.

I understand that Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer, his deputy, and other officials met in Mexico City in the summer of 2010 to discuss “on-going investigations” related to Project Gunrunner with the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. Accordingly, please provide all records relating to any such meeting that may have occurred from June through September 2010, to include meeting minutes, briefing notes, emails, or cables.

I would appreciate a response no later than March 11, 2011. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Jason Foster at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary