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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

This responds to your letters to the Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the United States Attorney, District of Nevada, both dated September 17, 2012, and your letter to the Deputy Attorney General dated September 27, 2012, requesting documents and other information, including a briefing, regarding the relationship between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada and the ATF Field Office in Reno, Nevada.

The matters about which you have inquired are under review within the Department, as we have advised your staff, and we therefore are not in a position to respond further to your requests at this time. We want to assure you, however, that the Department is dedicated to addressing issues that could adversely impact the effectiveness of our law enforcement efforts.

We hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judith C. Appelbaum", followed by a horizontal line.

Judith C. Appelbaum
Acting Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman